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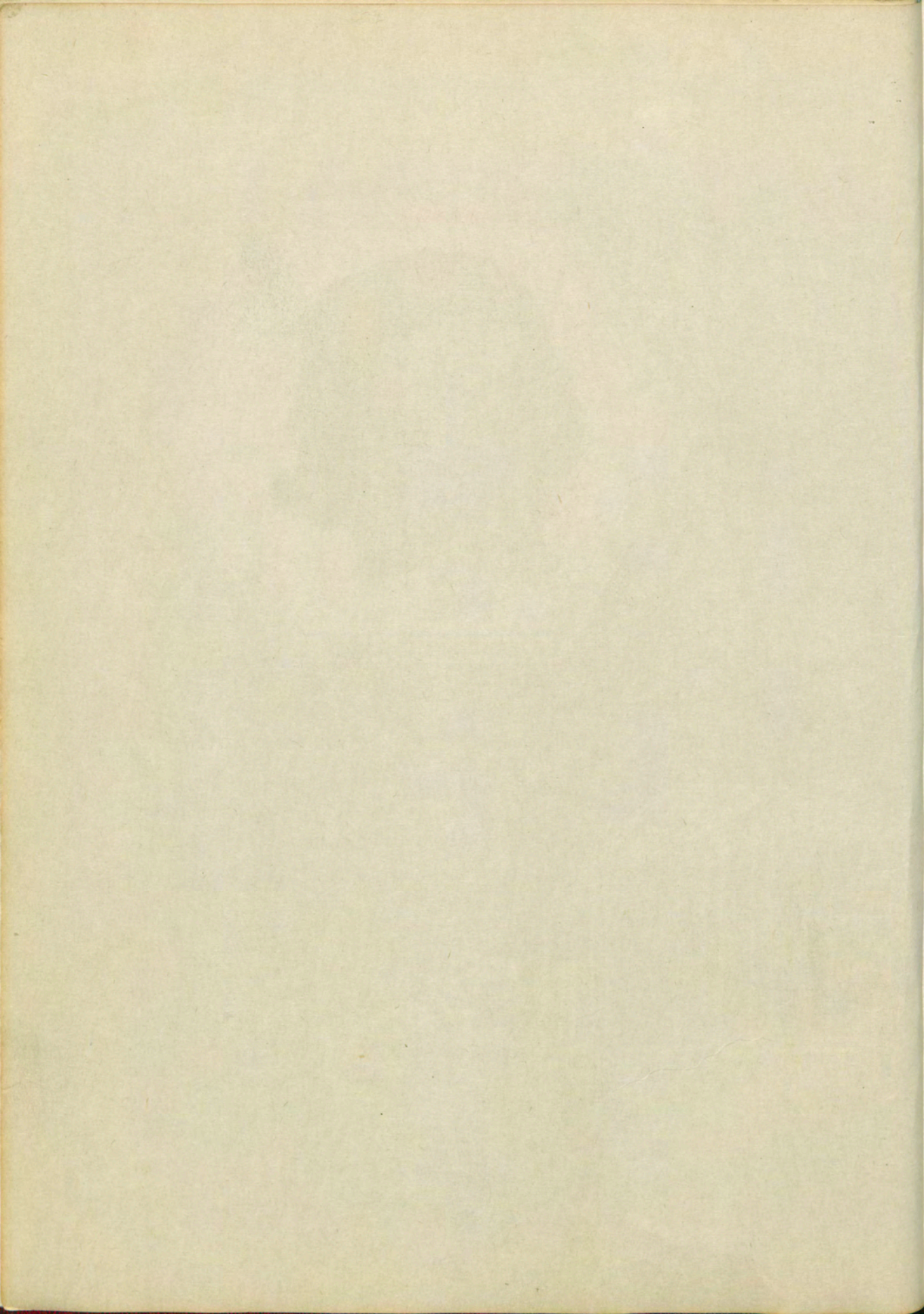
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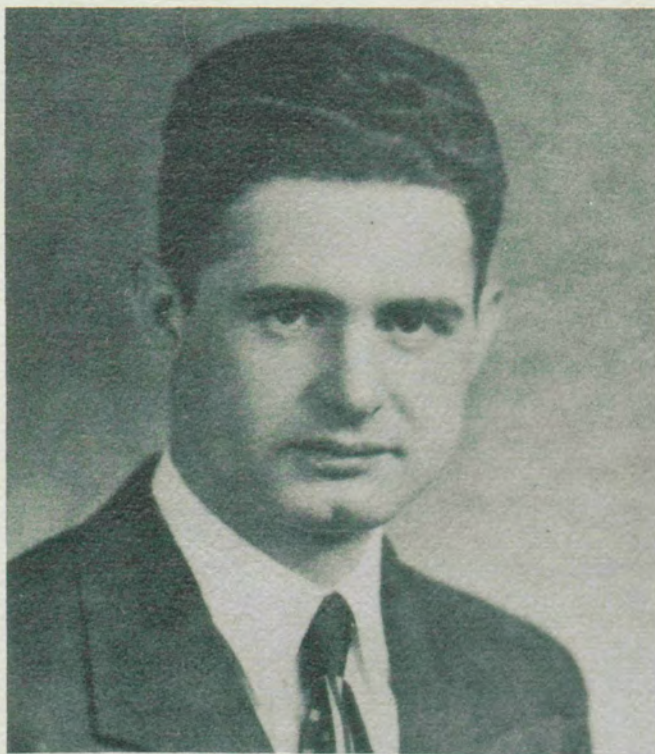


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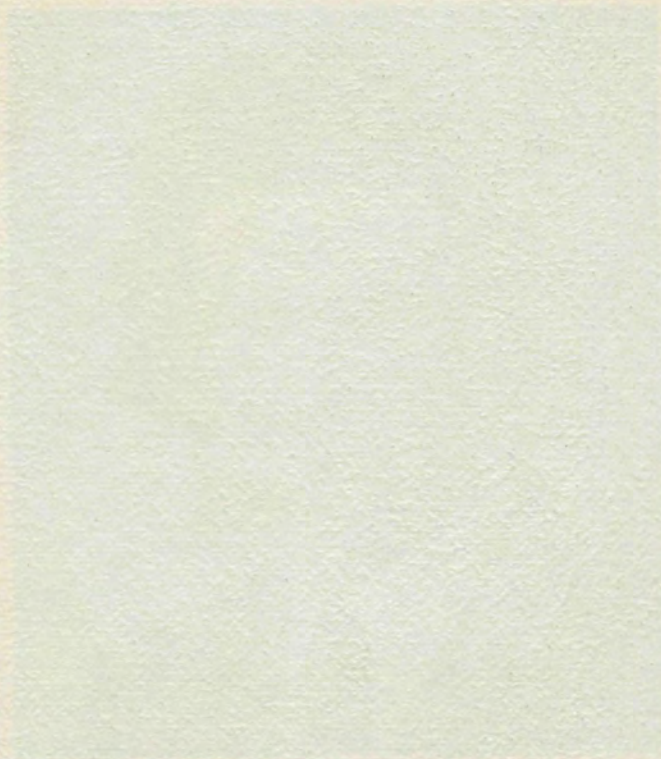




This yearbook is gladly dedicated to our first alumnus to become an instructor here, a friend and former schoolmate, Mr. Reginald Chenard. His scholastic record stands out like a gleaming flambeau to guide the countless St. Francis students yet to pass through its sinuous halls of learning. His instructorship is quite evidently successful also. Many are the new friends he has made at St. Francis this year.

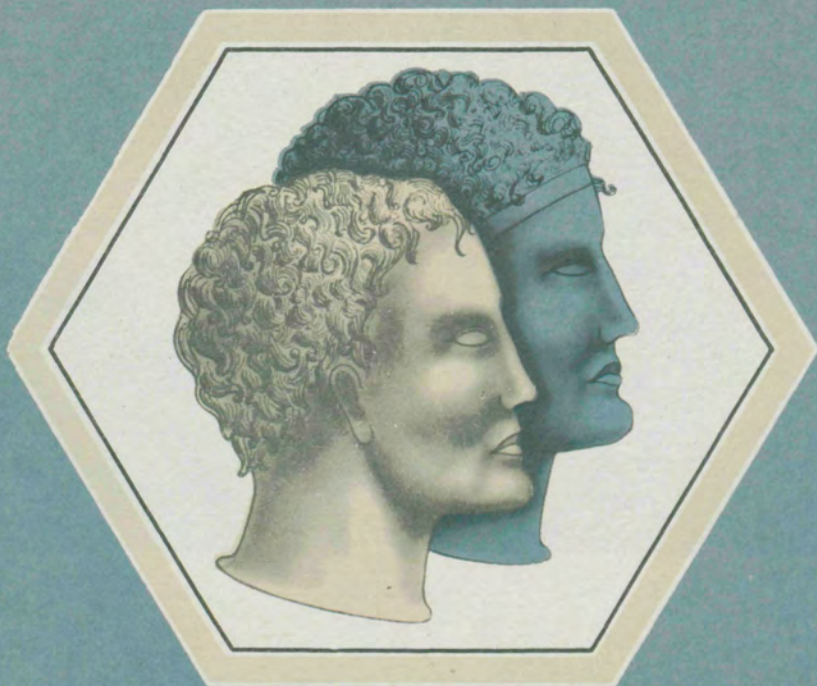
May God shower His choicest graces upon him, and may his stay here be a long and fruitful one.

The Senior Class.



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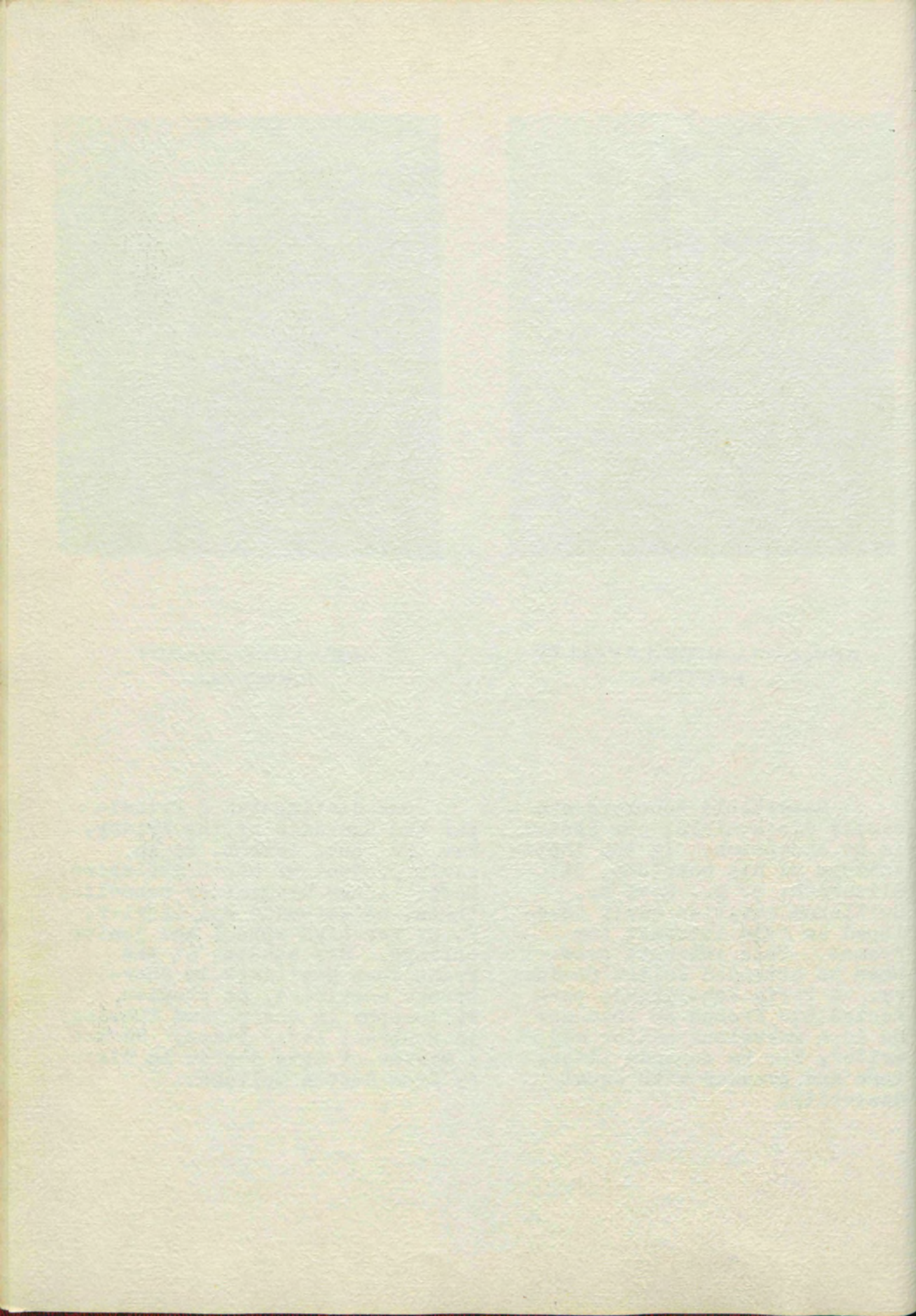
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REV. LUKE CHABOT
PRINCIPAL

Remarkable scholars are easily discernible; our Rector is no exception. In the institutions of his hometown, St. Elizabeth, P. Q., Rev. Fr. Guillaume Lavallee early developed an avid interest for French. This interest grew when he attended Joliet Seminary. A Paris Scholarship perfected his French so that now he is a marvelous orator and writer, for he commands literature and grammar with equal dexterity.

Our distinguished Principal and Guardian of the Friary, Rev. Fr. Luke Chabot, is an early product of North Attleboro, Mass. After elementary schooling there, he attended Mt. Laurier, P. Q. for high school and junior college. His studies at the Franciscan Novitiate in Sherbrooke completed, he studied Philosophy in Quebec and Theology in Montreal seven years. He has a Master of Arts degree in history from Boston College.



Faculty

Rev. Fr. Guillaume Lavallee, O.F.M., Rector. A man ready to please, and devoted to any good cause; a loyal friend, these unparalleled assets and more make up the man who is forever thinking of our welfare.

Rev. Fr. Frederic Belanger, O.F.M., Vice Rector. Un homme sur qui on peut compter. Ses manières affables font une impression heureuse sur tous ceux qui ont la chance de faire sa connaissance. Un homme qui travaille pour atteindre son but.

Rev. Fr. Luke Chabot, O.F.M., Principal. Commonly known as "The Glamour Boy" of the faculty. He has a winning smile and can take a political upset even at the Republicans' expense. He is a great teacher, and a real historian.

Rev. Fr. Aldee Cote, O.F.M., Prefect. He has pleased us more than once with his fine character-building speeches. Fr. Aldee is forever roaming around to find some misdemeanor. Despite his title all the boys like him.

Rev. Fr. Gerard Raymond Turgeon, O.F.M., Assistant Prefect. A man of few words, a quiet character, a pleasingly soft voice and an occasionally broad smile are just a few of the many qualities of our assistant prefect.

Rev. Fr. Jean-Marie Benoit, O.F.M., "Navy Captain". His translations of Latin and Greek endow him with a classical personality. Fr. John is a jovial, generous, thoughtful man. During his spare time he has the small School navy to supervise.

Rev. Fr. Ange-Marie Portelance, O.F.M., Music Instructor. A deeply religious man with a lovable personality. Fr. Ange, writes and teaches music. His "music appreciation" class brightens and relaxes the boys after a long week of hard studies.

Rev. Fr. Norman Thibodeau, O.F.M., Virgil II. Nature has lavished upon Fr. Norman more than his share of sterling qualities. He has a contagious smile and a heart ready to accept boys. His Latin classes show preparatory work and ample assignments.

Rev. Bro. Novelon Lafrance, O.F.M., Cook. Though this man has nothing to do with our mental structure he has much to do with our physiognomy. His beans cannot be surpassed.

Rev. Bro. Cornelius Laberge, O.F.M., Janitor. Yes, Bro. Cornelius has the heart-rending job of doing the dishes. He of course gets plenty of unvoluntary help. His other tasks are cleaning the dorms and studies. He does his work nobly and well.

Rev. Bro. Juniper Lawlor, O.F.M., Handy Man. A rugged man who makes all necessary school repairs. Winter is a tough season for him but his unbounded energy and ability as carpenter and machinist make him really indispensable.

Prof. John Dolan, another William Shakespeare is a pleasingly plump man with a charming personality and a reserved and dignified manner. His extensive vocabulary and fervid imagination lends enchantment to his slightly exaggerated stories. His knowledge of Shakespeare has earned him the title of Mr. Shakespeare.

Mr. Henry Michalewicz, Coach. A big man with a heart of gold and the intelligence of a genius. He teaches mathematics, sports, fair play and history. A successful future is open to this young man of many abilities.

Mr. Reginald Chenard, Instructor. A young man with an outstanding personality, he likes everyone and everyone likes him. St. Francis is his Alma

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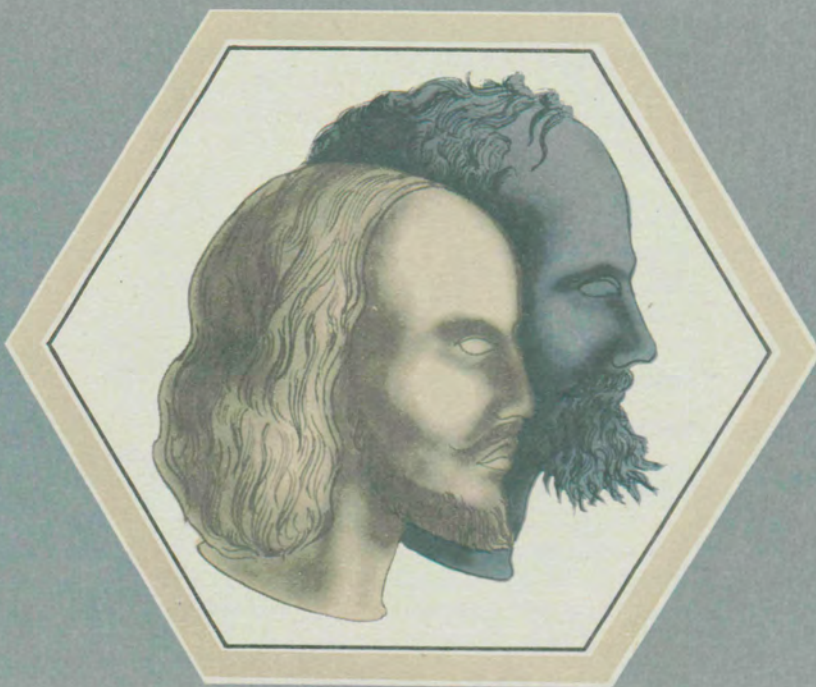
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DICKENS



SENIORS

The 49ers



ARTHUR ANSTISS

Lowell, Mass.

"Art"

Art seems the nucleus of chaos. Though a great seaman (his long association with the seascouts), he spends most of his time as a landlubber. Anxious to participate in all activities, Art manifests an amazing ambition to be a Naval officer.



LUCIEN DUBE

Exeter, N. H.

"Lefty"

Lefty is a quiet boy with a refined personality. His presence in the senior class has been a real asset. His outstanding ability in sports, particularly in basketball, has brought much favorable recognition to St. Francis. An occasional smile presents a pleasant contrast to the usually boisterous laughter of his classmates.



RAYMOND LAGACE

Augusta, Maine

"Ray"

Ray's angelic countenance has made his presence in class an inspiration to professors. Studious by nature, delightful in temperament, Ray has served his Alma Mater with loyalty and distinction. Possessing more than the average of sterling characteristics, Raymond will be eminently successful in any sphere of human endeavor.



JOEL BOUCHARD

Fort Kent, Maine

"Butch"

Kindly and charitable by nature, Butch's pleasant personality has won a legion of friends among the students. Besides his zealous devotion to studies, Butch has remarkable skill in extra-curricular activities, notably football and basketball; he has shown sportsmanship difficult to surpass. Butch's lovable nature should win him many more friends in years ahead. (Ed.'s Note)

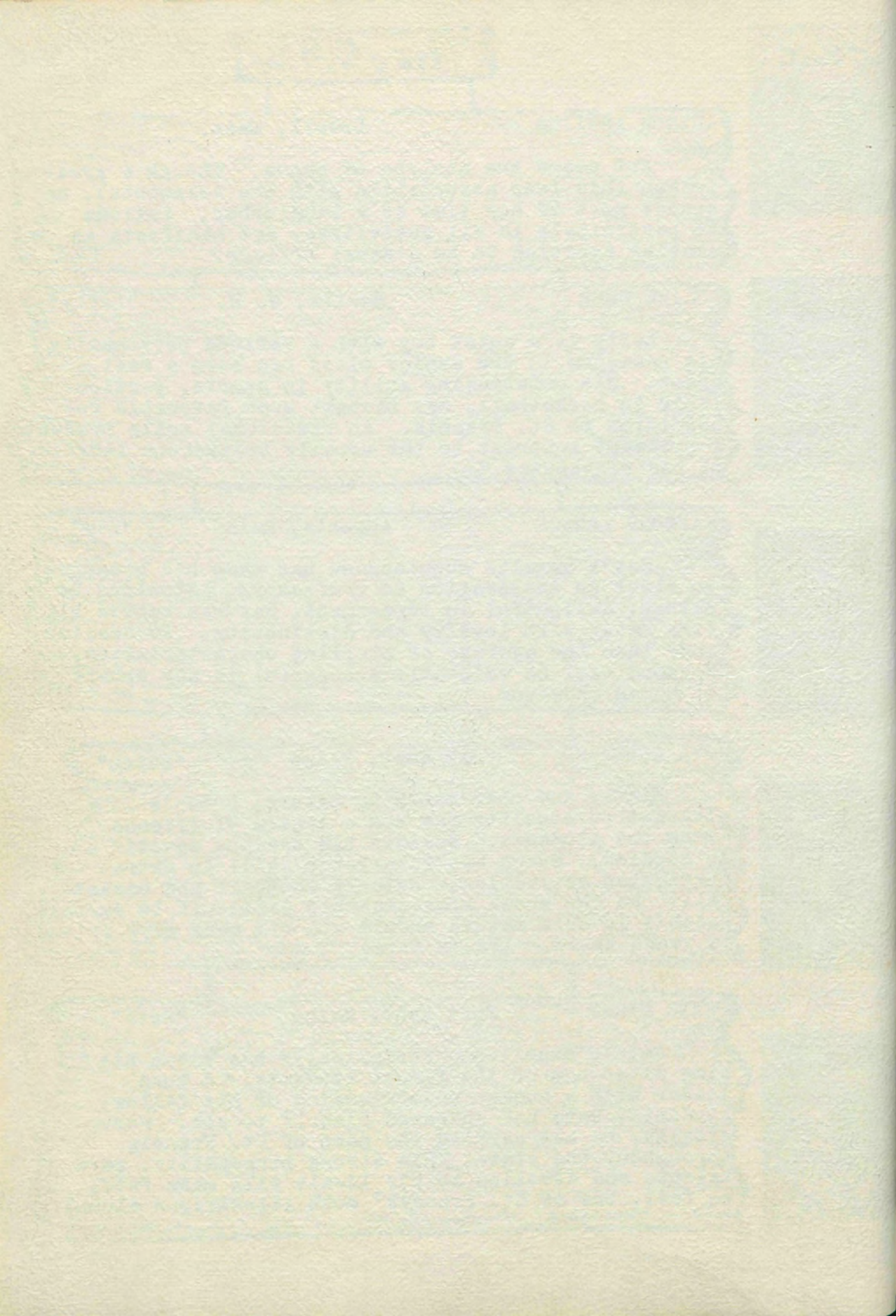


PETER BARRY


Fort Kent, Maine

"Pete"

Pete's excellence academically has given his alma mater one of its finest students. A born leader with a humane understanding of his fellow students, Pete has endeared himself to all. Forensically, he has carried the name of St. Francis throughout the state. His strong personality, rare talents and devotion to his ideals will make Pete, we feel, one of St. Francis' most illustrious alumni.



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RICHARD RENAUD

Fall River, Mass.

"Dick"

Dick came from Fall River in his junior year, a little late for us to appreciate his many qualities. A quiet personality, he flashes his brilliant smile too infrequently. In sports, Dick has lent a hand to our many contests. His dignified bearing and pleasant personality have won him many campus friends.



JOHN VEZELIS

Rochester, N. Y.
Kennebunk, Maine

"Johnny"

Johnny hails from the rock city of Rochester, New York. Luckily he resides at the new Lithuanian monastery at Kennebunk. His quiet personality belies a generous and humorous disposition. His ideals and application to study have earned him the enviable distinction of being one of our most illustrious classmates. We know the good St. Francis will help him to realize his vocation.




YVON LEVESQUE

Quimby, Maine

"Usi"

Usi hails from the great northern region of Maine, where men are men and Usi is what the women crave for. Usi has blossomed forth into one of our biggest and most attractive Seniors. His infectious smile and wit have provided his colleagues with many delightful moments. Respectful and law abiding, Usi has merited the admiration of his professors.



CLEMENT AUGER

Biddeford, Maine

"Clem"

When Einstein designates his successor, we expect Clem's name mentioned; in Mathematics and science, Clem has no peer among the Seniors. An assiduous worker in all activities, he has shown ability in scholastic pursuits and also displayed amazing prowess on the gridiron. We know Clem will prove worthy of the teaching of St. Francis.



LUCIEN BARON

Dover, N. H.

"Lou"

They don't make students better than Baron. Quiet, dignified and personable he is liked by everyone. Besides being one of our honor students, Baron has rare talent in artistic sketching. He has done his tasks so well and carried his honors so meekly that he will, we feel, be one of our most illustrious graduates. Good luck Baron, you deserve the finest society offers.



The 49ers

VALMONT GILBERT Waterville, Maine "Val"

The essence of charm, Val's candor is absolutely disarming. The soul of integrity, his wit has embarrassed many great minds. Devotion to duty, his love for study and desire to help professors and students alike prove Val a beacon. His perennial smile and personality have made his presence a distinct asset to the senior class.



HARVEY POISSANT Biddeford, Maine "Poison"

Harvey's honesty of purpose, his ability to get things done and his marvelous sense of discipline has exerted a very salutary influence among the senior class. His quiet personality and pleasant smile have made him a really likeable student. As a boy scout leader, he has shown excellent judgment in administrative ability and has proven a most valuable leader.



LOUIS PELLETIER Newmarket, N. H. "Louie"

As general handyman, few students have done as much as our beloved Louie. In the capacity of infirmarian he has shown an enviable measure of hidden talent. Respectful and cooperative, Louie has been a genuine consolation to the faculty. Endowed with a keen wit, and a love of Shakespeare, he has given the finest soliloquies of the bard with feeling and ease.



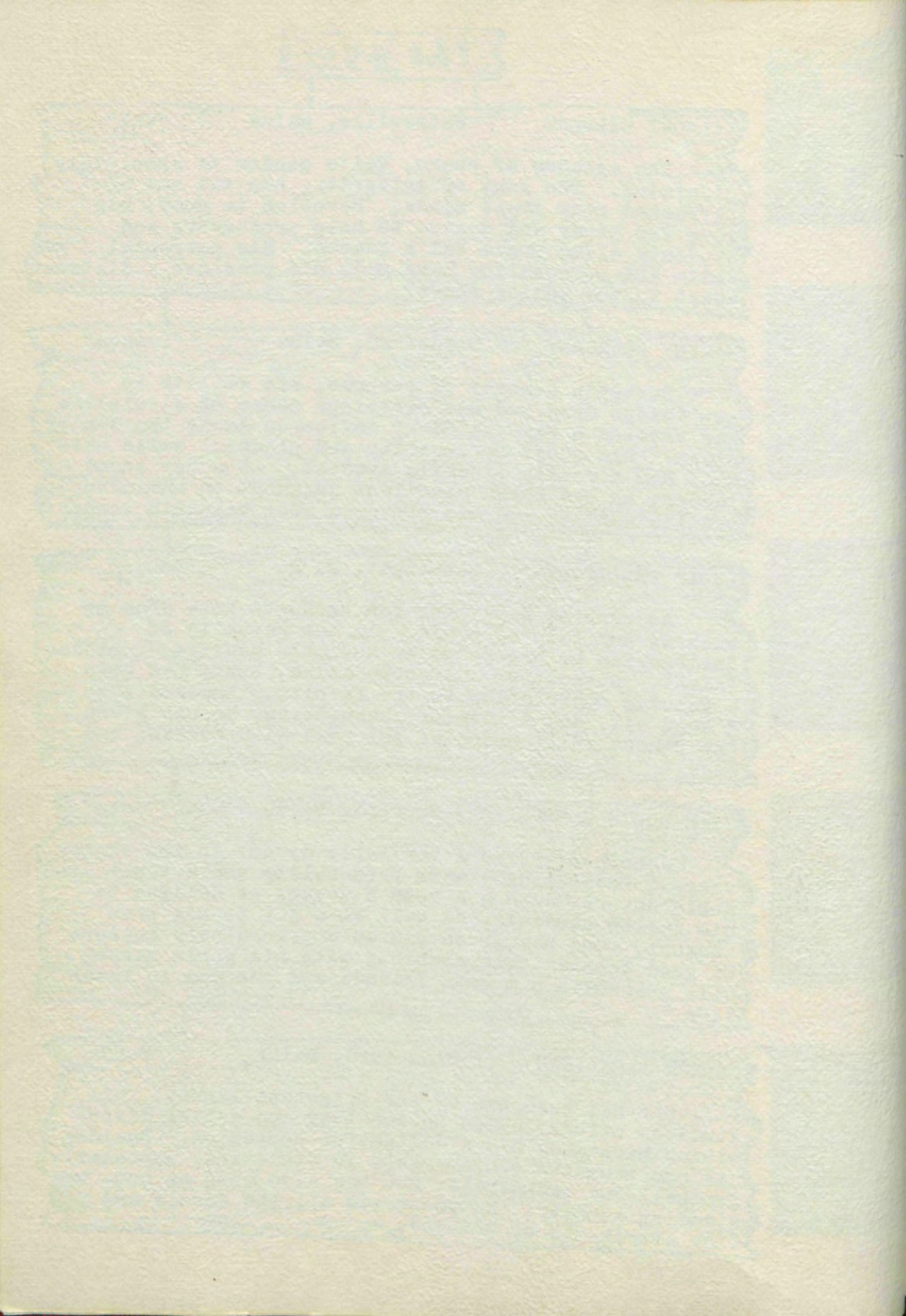
JEAN LOUIS BOURRET Rumford, Maine "John"

John has proven a veritable dynamo in the senior class. Possessing a warm personality and a truly noble nature, John has been a source of delight to his fellow students, as well as a joy to his professors. God has given him an extraordinary measure of good looks; this combined with his noble makeup will guarantee him both friends and success in later life.



ROBERT PARENTEAU Biddeford, Maine "Bob"

Bob has been one of our brightest lights. His studious nature, quiet personality and genial disposition have made him a delightful companion. Besides his constructive achievements in athletics, especially football and basketball, Bob has also been an outstanding scholar. He possesses all the ideals and fine attributes of success.





THE 49ers

JIMMY ALWIN, JR. Biddeford, Maine "Jimmy"

Jimmy came to us from Miami, Fla. His short tenure with us, makes us wish he had come sooner. His deep southern drawl, his handsome physique commands lots of attention in and out of St. Francis. Don't forget Jimmy that Maine loves you as well as Florida.



CHARLES PAUL RANDALL Biddeford, Maine "Rosie"

Rosie has served with distinction as "poet laureate" of St. Francis, emerging at the most unusual moments and in the strangest places with a new stanza of his iambic verse. Though loquacious by nature, we feel Rosie says much that merits serious consideration. A gentleman who in spite of his "Yankee Blueblood", has proven one of the most vivacious of our Seniors.

What would happen if ...

1. Peter Barry would lose his "Webster"?
2. Louis Pelletier would fall in love?
3. Arthur Anstiss wouldn't have a boat?
4. Hervey Poissant would join the cub scouts?
5. John Vezelis would get married?
6. Paul "Rosie" Randall would suddenly swallow his tongue?
7. Richard Renaud would lose his touch with girls?
8. Lucien Dube would become a French "prof"?
9. Raymond Lagace would get a crew cut?
10. Yvon Levesque would lose his glamorous complexion?
11. Joel Bouchard didn't have "connections" at Mt. Merici Academy?
12. There were no artist's supplies for Lucien Baron?
13. Hood's didn't hire Jean-Louis Bourret to break their milk bottles?
14. Jim Alwin didn't have his baby blue eyes and his southern drawl?
15. Clement Auger flunked Trig?
16. There were no sacristy handy for Val to rush to?
17. If Bob Parenteau had no novel in study?

CLEMENT B. AUGER

Class Motto

"For success, we must endure hardships": This is our motto, translated from Latin, "Ad Augusta per Angusta", and chosen by the class of Forty-Nine. It is to this phrase of simple, yet philosophic truth that we must bow our heads in humble acknowledgment.

Years have passed and years have come: each bringing its own share of trials and tribulations to be coped with. Whether we were aware of the fact or not, this motto lived within us. For, did not every hardship endured bring forth its consolations? Was not the following day brighter? Everyone agrees that reading an exciting novel surpasses the monotonous memorizing of Latin vocabulary; but realizing that the task must be done, we set aside all pleasures and begin doing the task assigned. It was not the fear of getting a zero that frightened us- no, rather the knowledge that we, we alone, would be the losers.

In leaving our Alma Mater, we shall all strive to reach the heights of our ambitions with these words in mind. Who knows when, but each of us will meet his supreme crisis. Perhaps as a priest, lawyer, doctor, or what have you, the time will come when we must face facts or run away as cowards. Upon the arrival of this dreaded day, we will be ready; for, our days at St. Francis have prepared us.

Closing this brief account of our class motto, I know that as the God-given pillar of fire guided the Jews in the desert, so will "Ad Augusta per Angusta" guide us.

JOHN FRANCIS VEZELIS



Class Flower

This class of 1949 has chosen the most significant and the most beautiful flower as its class flower. The rose, which represents friendship, reminds the senior to love his parents, who in their great love for him made the enormous and numerous sacrifices that are a necessary part of every young man's training. What influenced them to do this was the hope that we would benefit from this devotion in many ways. As we graduate we feel that an important result is that we have learned to love and to be friends of learning.

Our class flower will bring to memory the patience and friendliness of our professors during our four years at St. Francis, four years during which they toiled relentlessly among us. But notwithstanding these trials and hardships, they succeeded very well in giving us not only a desire to learn, but also a greater facility to understand our classmates and fellowmen.

The rose of friendship will ever remind us of the strong bonds of comradeship we built during our stay here, bonds of friendship never to be broken.

The yellow rose, signifies the value or wealth of knowledge.

Class Flower

The fiery red ribbon binding it represents the fire with which we are zealous in our search for wisdom to honor and serve Christ our King more successfully, following ever in His footsteps.

May the yellow rose in future years remind each of us of the strong friendships acquired at St. Francis, both in the field of learning and among our class and schoolmates.

ARTHUR T. ANSTISS

Class Colors



After mature deliberation Red and Gold were chosen for our class colors. Red is the symbol of fire, of enthusiasm, the very spark that has inspired us seniors to make outstanding contributions, as a class, to dear St. Francis; which has inspired us, from our Freshman year, to live zealously in the service of God, in our devotion to our fellowmen and in the pursuit of knowledge. This ambition moved us to seek knowledge not for its own sake but as a means to happier tomorrows and eternal salvation.

God is the symbol of intrinsic goodness, the great virtue which we have cherished above all others, the virtue that Shakespeare made immortal in one of Hamlet's most famous soliloquies "And this above all: To thine own self be true; and then it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

The goodness of character which helps us to lead good, upright lives, true always to the ideal of St. Francis, true to ourselves and true always to our fellowmen.

YVON LEVESQUE

Anniversaire

L'année 1949 marque le dixième anniversaire de la naissance du Collège Saint François. Dix ans de progrès dans le travail matériel, intellectuel et spirituel. La construction du nouveau collège est en marche, et, nous l'espérons, sera le couronnement de cet anniversaire. Ce sera un mouvement à la mémoire de tous les pères et bienfaiteurs de notre "Alma Mater" qui se sont tout dévoués pour nous et nos confrères dans les dix premières années de cette institution.

Parmi les Seniors beaucoup ne reviendront pas au collège ici. Ils vont s'engager dans diverses occupations, regrettant de ne pas être ici pour voir les innovations tant désirées. Mais ils vous laissent, "Alma Mater", avec leurs meilleurs souhaits et leurs prières les plus ardentes pour un succès bien mérité. Nous quittons St. François, l'âme remplie de fierté, de reconnaissance et d'espoir.

PETER BARRY

Aucun chemin de fleurs conduit à la gloire.

La Fontaine



Class Song

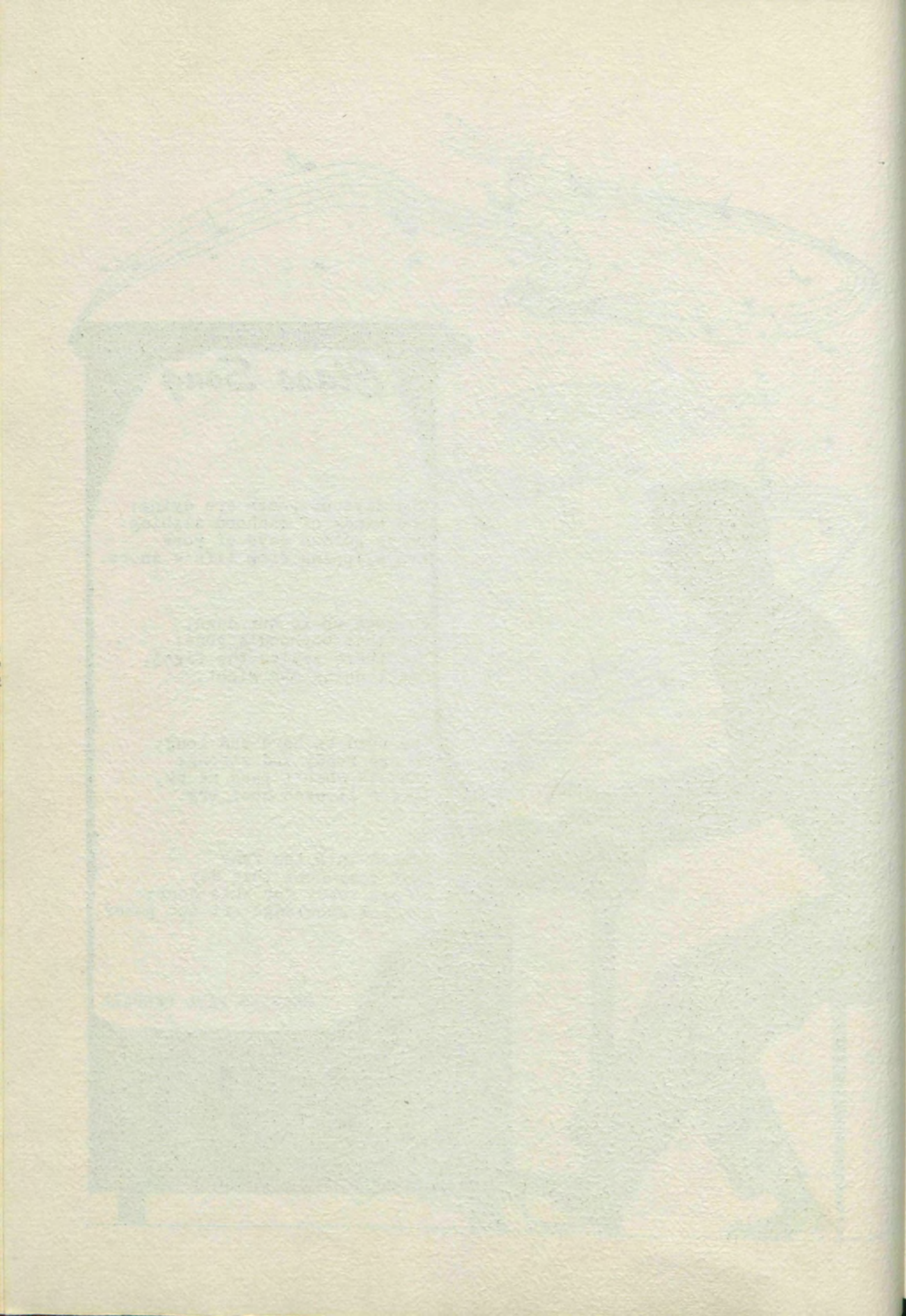
The days of youth are dying;
The winds of manhood sighing:
Those golden days of yore
Are slipping from life's shore.

We look up to our dawn,
Now that boyhood's gone:
For there awaits the fight,
Challenging our might.

The road be hard and long;
We are ready and strong:
Success shan't pass us by,
If for it each does try.

Onward into the fray
That commences this day.
We are ready for this hour;
God and knowledge art our power.

CHARLES PAUL RANDALL



Last Will and Testament

Be it remembered, that we, the Seniors of St. Francis College High School in the county of York and state of Maine, being of legal age and of sound mind, but mindful of the uncertainty of our existence, do make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by us made. We do give and bequeath our assets, both physical and real as follows.

First: To our dear prefect of discipline and professors:

To Father Aldée: a pair of binoculars, to help him trace the Seniors of "1950".

To Father Frédéric: a few new rules for his future grammar.

To Father Norman: our own personal methods for translating Cicero's works.

To Father Luke: the glamorous boy of the faculty. A make-up kit, so that he might keep his good looks.

To Professor Dolan: a steam shovel to facilitate his research work in the field of "bullology".

To Coach Michalewicz: a number of match-wizards for his Trigonometry period.

Second: To our successors, the Juniors, we give and bequeath the following deeds which we as a class succeeded so nobly in accomplishing.

I. To Francis "Big Red" Duguay: Paul Randall leaves his love for incessant jabbering.

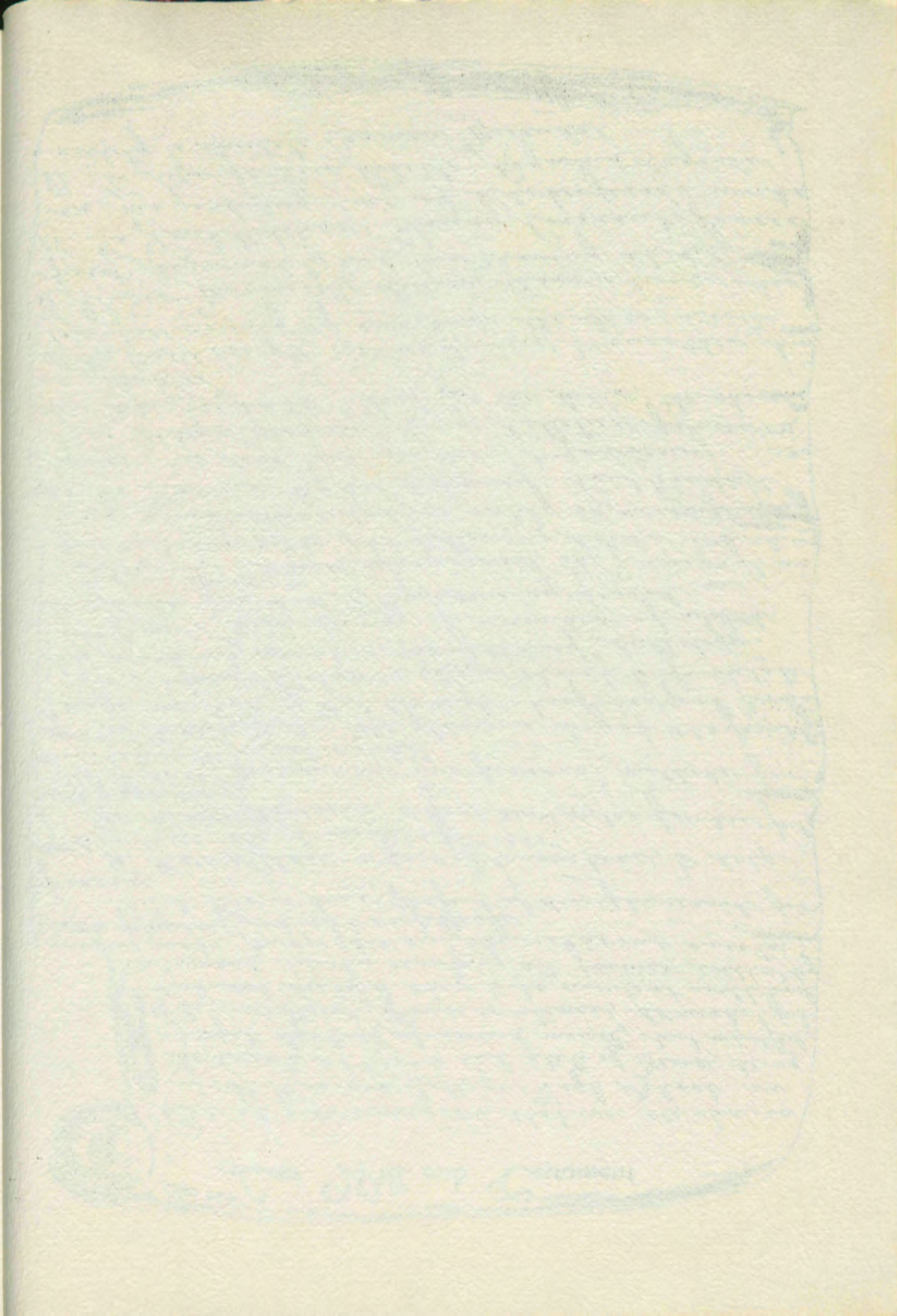
II. To Aldege Yergeau: Louis Pelletier passes on his epic remark: "Dead for the hills, the shovel is broken".

III. To Gusel Raigle: Arthur Anetiss bequeathes his love for sailing up and down the Saco River.

IV. To Leo Morrisette: Guieu Barow leaves his quiet personality and his carving ability.

V. To Paul Gilinas: Harvey Poirasant passes on his undying love of Shakespeare's works.

VI. To George Des Roberts: Raymond Lagacé's ability to imitate Carmen Miranda.



Last Will and Testament

III - To Leo Bonenfant: Richard Renaud bequeathes his love for the female species.

IV - To Raymond Simoneau: Yvon Levesque generously bequeathes his contagious smile.

V - To Leopold Vicknair: Lucien Dubé bequeathes his loquaciousness.

VI - To Robert Douchette and Roland Gaudin: Clement Auger leaves his mathematical precision.

VII - To Clement Thibodeau: Joel Bouchard bequeathes his glamorous personality and capacity for making friends.

VIII - To Roger Rondeau: John Vagelis leaves his famous, "Oh! I simply can't do that."

IX - To Vincent Audibert: Peter Barry generously bequeathes a carload of books.

X - To Donald Duplessis: Valmont Gilbert, "The moaning senior," generously leaves his vocal accomplishments.

XI - To Gerard Bonenfant: Jimmy Olwin passes on his southern accent and hospitality.

XII - To his "Pal," Albert Fortier: John Boudet leaves his technical approach to the opposite sex.

XIII - To Norman Theriault: "Bob" Parenteau gives his all-around athletic agility.

Having equally divided our dearest endowment we give thanks to God, and leave our Alma Mater with the deepest realization and satisfaction that justice has been done to all.

We, therefore, affix our signatures to this legal document which we safely entrust to the security of the school files on this 12th day of June in the year 1949 A.D.

Witnesses: Peter Barry
Joel Bouchard

Said Document Drawn Up By: Valmont Gilbert



The Fall of '45 found 31 enthusiastic freshmen registered at St. Francis; one of the largest classes in the history of the school. Since then about 15 of our classmates have come and gone, leaving us with a senior class of 19.

After the passing of the first nostalgic days we adapted ourselves to St. Francis and made the school our second home. All of the freshmen of '45 remained at St. Francis that year, save Valmont Gilbert, who left after two weeks and rejoined us as a Junior in '47-'48.

The highlights of the year were the Initiation and Mardi Gras. His Royal Highness, King John Eagles Jr. of Fort Kent, was crowned (and I do mean crowned!!!) at the Freshmen Reception.

Soon after, came the retreat the banquet of the soul. Our preacher was the eloquent Fr. Porter, O.F.M.

Football and tennis gave the freshmen a new outlook on school life. It is true that we were all rather small but we didn't pass unnoticed in sports during that year.

Like all growing boys, the freshmen needed supervision. We gave our poor prefect, fr. Norman quite a time; that was his last year as prefect. We were good boys, weren't we fr. Norman?

Although a rather humorous sheet our class paper- Frosh Renote, edited by Charles Keenan proved very successful, as we glance through the "Frosh Renote" we are reminded of how Fernand Payer brought a screen to fr. Rector; of "Mutt & Jeff", Ernest Sutton and Yvon Albert. A husky voice saying "Listen You", reminds us of Rene Goulette. I could go on and on writing about the freshmen of '45— I would write a book.

The class officers for that year read as follows:

President: Ernest Sutton
V. President: James Keegan
Secretary: Robert Parenteau
Treasurer: Rene Goulette

Boy! What a year that was! As soon as we arrived we were greeted with the news that Fr. Aldée was prefect. And it was fun to watch the awkward freshmen unpack their trunks. I wonder if we were as dumb as they when we first arrived at St. Francis.

There was a change among our professors; Fr. Ange gladly welcomed us to his French Class, replacing fr. Aldée, whom we expected to have as X graders. I wonder if Peter still remembers the art of shooting sea-

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gulls, if John Eagles is still an outlaw and if Raymond Lagace continues writing his lines.

Over and over again the Sophomores were noted for their good sportsmanship. The stars for the year '46 - '47 were, Bob Labbe, Bob Parenteau, Rudy Pelletier, Jimmy Keegan and Phil Nadeau.

During the winter most of us were well occupied working on the "49er" a class paper under the direction of Fr. Luke. The Forty-niner Editorial Board follows:

Editor in Chief:	Peter Barry
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Misc. Editor:	Lucien Garneau Clarence Pelletier
Cover Design by	Phil Nadeau

Days passed quickly and June was soon at our door. The year ended with the same class officers as the preceeding year except for president Peter Barry who replaced Ernest Sulton. The honors that year were given to Peter Barry, Raymond Lagace and Robert Parenteau.

Soon we were home and what did we do? Some of us worked but what about the three musketeers? Did they continue to take their midnight snacks?

JUNIOR YEAR

.....So begins a new chapter in life— the Junior Year. New faces? Sure!— Arthur Boucher, Richard Renaud, Hervey Poissant and John Vezelis. Not a week elapsed before we chose our class officers. Elected President was Peter Barry, V. President: Bob Parenteau, Treasurer: Rene Goulette. We decided not to elect a secretary but later found it quite an inconvenience not to have one, so Raymond Lagace was elected.

After the Mid-Year Recess, Paul Morrisette, the noted Cardinal Fan was unable to return.

The most important social event of the year was Mardi Gras, sponsored by the Juniors. John Bourret, Master of Ceremonies led the Grand March with Miss Lagace. Mr. Bourret's previous experience as Master of Ceremonies during the Sea-Scout Christmas Party ('46) had initiated him in the duties of an M.-C. With gay costumes and decorations the atmosphere transported us to New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Fall of '47 brought us two new professors. The Blue-Blooded Bostonian with his big black book, Mr. Dolan, and that handsome youth with the French smile, Mr. Robert Bremond from Marseille, who is now studying in Paris.

In dramatics we can boast about our two performers Peter Barry and Rene Goulette who brilliantly presented their parts as Hamlet and Petrucio in "When Shakespeare's Gentlemen Get Together." Valmont Gilbert and Hervey Poissant starred in "Le Poignard".

The year soon passed—it flashed before our eyes and when we knew it we were sweating over our finals.

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SENIOR YEAR

At the opening of the Fall term a tall blond stranger appeared. You've guessed it,—it's the new resident coach Henry Michaelwicz, our Trigonometry Professor. Under his able direction the football team is becoming better known. Among the senior players were: Rudy Pelletier, Robert Parenteau, Joel Bouchard, Hervey Poissant, Phil Nadeau, Yvon Levesque, Clement Auger, Lucien Baron and Arthur Anstiss. The senior class has also given the Football Squad a manager, Charles Paul "Rosie" Randall. Seniors on the basketball quintet were: Robert Parenteau, Richard Renaud, Lucien Dube, and Joel Bouchard.

Hailing from Florida is Jimmy Alwin, day-hopper at school. Jimmy, that handsome Southerner is quoted for his smile. But let's not forget Lucien Dube from Exeter, N. H. who is a wonderful basketball player. The class officers are: President- Peter Barry, Vice President- Joel Bouchard, Secretary- Robert Parenteau and Valmont Gilbert, Treasurer- J. L. Bourret.

Seniors taking special courses, from Reginald Chenard, a former student, are: John Vezelis, Lucien Dube, Paul Randall and Philip Nadeau.

After the Thanksgiving Holidays we arrived to find Rudy Pelletier gone home. In losing Rudy Pelletier—we lost a swell sport and an amiable classmate.

The seniors can boast of their class without conceit. Seniors have been entrusted many positions here at school. Do we not have Louis Pelletier, a jovial scout, as infirmarian. Louis doctors the sick and brings up their spirits. In the kitchen we find two Seniors, Clement Auger and Hervey Poissant.

But let us not forget the best job in the college—that of working near God. In the sacristy we find Raymond Lagace and Valmont Gilbert. The print shop also is headed by a senior, Peter Barry and John Bourret works there too.

This year we find a few Seniors as officers of the Third Order of St. Francis. President: Raymond Lagace, Secretary and Treasurer: Louis J. Pelletier.

Soon our mid-year will be history: the rest of the year will flash by and graduation day will soon be here.

What state of life shall we chose? What shall we do later on? The future is known to God so let us entrust ourselves to Him and live happily within the protection of the Good St. Francis.

RAYMOND LAGACE

The Perfect Senior

Louis Pelletier's acting ability
Ray Lagace's dignified manners
Lucien Dube's quiet personality
Arthur Anstiss' ability to handle a boat
Robert Parenteau's vocal cords
John Vezelis' linguistic talent
Richard Renaud's pleasing smile
Jean Louis Bourret's good looks
Valmont Gilbert's driving aptitudes
Yvon Levesque's letter writing
Hervey Poissant's access to the brothers' larder

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Class Prophecy



Not long ago an ancient Egyptian manuscript was discovered in the Museum of Cairo; the supposed truth that manuscript contains was found by the astronomers of the time. This manuscript foretold the future of the Seniors of the class of '49. Before revealing the contents of this precious document we have studied it carefully, and personally we do think that those able men have correctly prophesied our future. As you see in the above design (which is the original one of the manuscript) they foretold it by the stars.

No doubt you are anxious to know what these astronomers saw about us in this certain star. First of all: in the far corner of the first point of this star was a large city—no one ever suspected it to be so large; in fact, it included the whole northern part of Maine. All the small plantations in the vicinity of Fort Kent had united to form one of Maine's largest cities. This task was completed by the tireless efforts of our new Maine Governor—PETER BARRY. Among the well-known professional people of this city are two of the class of '49, JOEL BOUCHARD and YVON LEVESQUE. Joel was recently elected to fill the office of Mayor, while Yvon, a native of Quimby, has his office in Fort Kent. He is President of the Aroostook Railroad.

As the famous star moves southward in its orbit, we get a glimpse of the second brilliant point and here it shines majestically over Augusta, Maine's second largest city. We see a dignified executive administering one of Maine's most humanitarian institutions. As we enter the executive office, Lo and behold, if it is not one of our most illustrious classmates, RAYMOND LEGACE, Head of Augusta's famous hospital for the mentally sick.

Since Peter's inauguration, the map of the state of Maine has changed completely. On Easter Sunday morning in the year 1970, we stroll down Augusta's fashionable thoroughfare and see the majestic spire of St. Augustin's Cathedral pointing towards the heavens. We quietly enter this famous edifice. As the bells toll and High Mass begins, we see His Excellency the Bishop of Maine's newest and largest diocese take his seat on the episcopal throne. "Mirabile dictu" it is none other than our charming and studious classmate, VALMONT GILBERT.

At night when we move down into the business district, we marvel at this 20th century skyscraper whose lights brilliantly overcast the city. Looking up at its famous neon sign, we see the name of JEAN LOUIS BOURRET, who has succeeded in becoming the new Vice-president and General Manager of H. P. Hood & Sons, Inc. whose principal office for the New England States is now located in Augusta. (Ed.'s Note)

The star rotating southward reveals now in its third prophetic point, an array of gentlemen who occupy outstanding positions in Maine's chief industrial centre. In the capacity of agent of the Peppereil Mills we

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see a busy executive employing thousands of people. This busy executive is easily recognizeable as our own HARVEY POISSANT.

Moving down the Pool Road which is no longer a semi-circle; it is now a four-lane thoroughfare and one of the finest in New England due to the heroic efforts of Gov. Barry. We approach, somewhat in awe, an inspiring edifice, English Gothic in design. It is- as you have surmised- the new St. Francis High School. As the bronze doors of the administration building swing open, you are cordially greeted by the professorial looking gentleman. He is Professor CHARLES PAUL 'RQSIE' RANDALL.

Suddenly as we move back to Biddeford we see, as we approach the new Notre Dame Hospital a high-powered Cadillac driving in, and out steps a very professional-looking gentleman. We seem to recognize the figure. Approaching the gentleman we are pleased but not exactly astonished to see our distinguished classmate, ROBERT PARENTEAU. He tells us to come in to view the premises. After a brief conversation we learn that Bod is new Chief-of-Staff of this famous hospital.

Entering Biddeford's new city hall as we stride along the corridors to inquire about the tax rate of this thriving community we spot the name of Auger on one of the doors. On closer inspection we see the title, "CLEMENT B. AUGER" Mayor of the city of Biddeford and head of the department of Education." We enter the executive office and Clem approaches to give us the key to this famous city.

Over the super highway which leads from Biddeford to Portland, we grow weary and in need of refreshment. At South Portland, we see the sign Club Mayfair. The club looks inviting so we stroll in and to our surprise we hear the melodious but familiar tones of our genial "JIMMY ALWIN JR." who is now serving as master of ceremonies in this famous club.

The star moves in its shining orbit. The fourth point is very revealing. We tune in to Southern Maine's newest television station located in Kennebunk. The Catholic Hour is in progress. The strains of "Ave Maria" are coming tunelessly over the air waves. A beautiful diction, a resonant voice remind man of his eternal destiny. Suddenly we see the televised figure of our esteemed classmate; it is the noted Lithuanian Franciscan JOHN FRANCIS VEZELIS.

Around the famous point we cross the boundaries into New Hampshire and hear murmurings of the high tax rates of this region. The name of PELLETIER is mentioned and soon we learn that our inimitable LOUIS is now New Hampshire's commissioner of taxes.

At another corner of this point we see a commanding figure instructing a large class in Shakespearean English. The voice sounds familiar. He shows an eminent grasp of this difficult subject. We listen carefully and hear our own LUCIEN BARON elegantly dissertating upon the values of Shakespearean drama in the sacred halls of St. Anselm's College.

The fifth point takes us into the cultural state of Massachusetts, right into the heart of Boston, the hub of the universe. We see a group of impressive dwellings in the distant. Entering the one marked "gymnasium" we see the basketball squad in action. It is being coached by a familiar figure in fact, New England's ace basketball mentor LUCIEN DUBE.

Moving into East Boston to Logan's famous international airport, we observe the precise weather calculations given out by a distinguished meteorologist. This weather station is now in command of our former classmate RICHARD RENAUD.

Looking out over the harbor, we see a fleet moving up along the coast. It's a beautiful sight. As the first vessel pulls into Pier 59, we are thrilled to see our fellow classmate ARTHUR ANSTISS, admiral of the nation's

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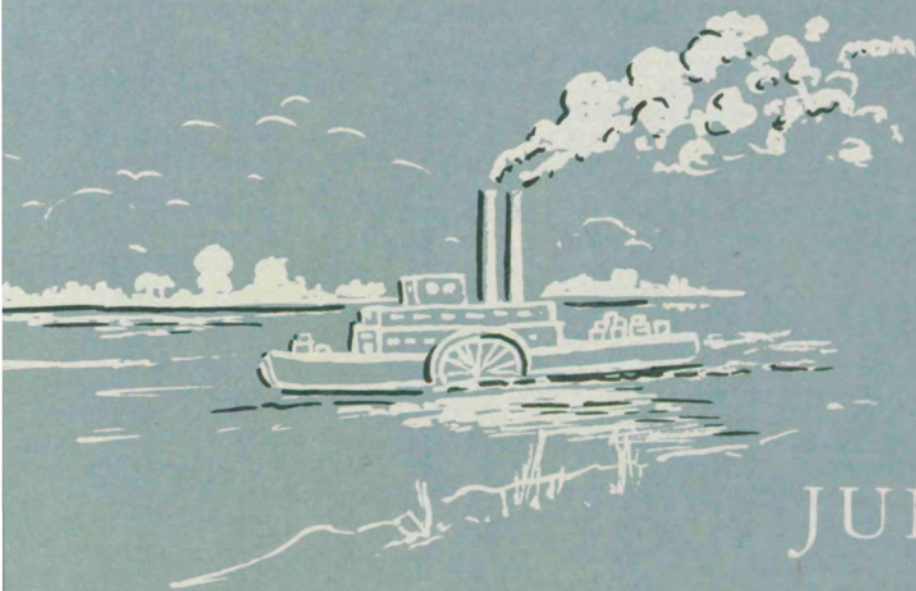
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JUNIORS

Junior Class

The class of 1950, under the capable leadership of President Gerard Bonenfant, has surprised the entire student body of St. Francis. As of now, with the help of their Physics professor, the honorable John Dolan, the Juniors have done exceedingly well in their effort to replenish the "Physics lab". New apparatus has been purchased, gas has been installed and Prof. Dolan plans to install his "wireless", so as to acquaint the boys with many different fields of life. Briefly, everybody is all enthused over it; for some students will even spend the recreations in the lab to become better acquainted with the apparatus. We hope that, in the new school, there will be a larger and better equiped "lab" than that which now serves the purpose.

As we come to the sports department, we find that the "mid-centurians" are not to be left behind. Their outstanding ability to participate successfully in the divers sports, was proven during the past curricular year. When Coach Michalewicz posted his call for "star" football players, many of them showed up. Some of the best first string Varsity players were found in this class: Francis "Red" Duguay, Right Halfback; Vincent Audibert, left guard; Paul Gelinis, right end. Other junior players were: Albert Fortier, fullback; Norman Theriault, and Raymond Simoneau, half-backs and Leo Morrisette at the guard position.

In basketball, the Juniors did very well. Some of them were tall and lanky, others were good shots and fast. The "Varsity" men were: Albert Fortier, "Red" Duguay, Donald Duplessis; J.V. men were: N. Theriault, L. Morrisette. In the high scoring department, Fortier was second high scorer with fifteen points to his credit, and "Red" Duguay was third with fourteen.

Even though the skating season was very limited due to poor weather conditions, the illustrious Juniors showed their ability to play hockey. In a few contests held against other classes they came out victorious in every game.

Last year, they were competition for the baseball championship. We hope to receive as much competition again this year.

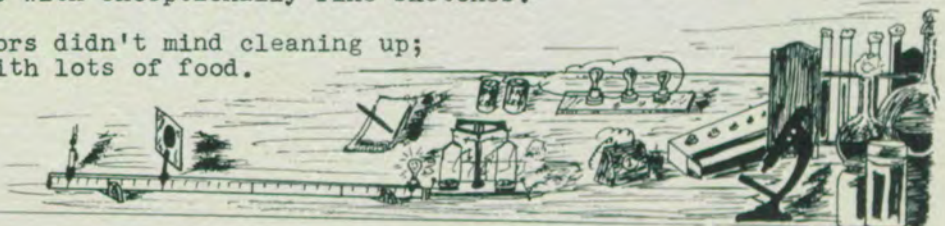
Intellectually, the Juniors have many outstanding students. The whole class is very proud of its honor student, George Desroberts. He is an assiduous worker in all his undertakings; he is also a reporter for the "Vigilant" and the Chronicler for the "Troubadour". Other students to be proud of are: Francis Duguay, Roland Gaudin and Gerard Bonenfant.

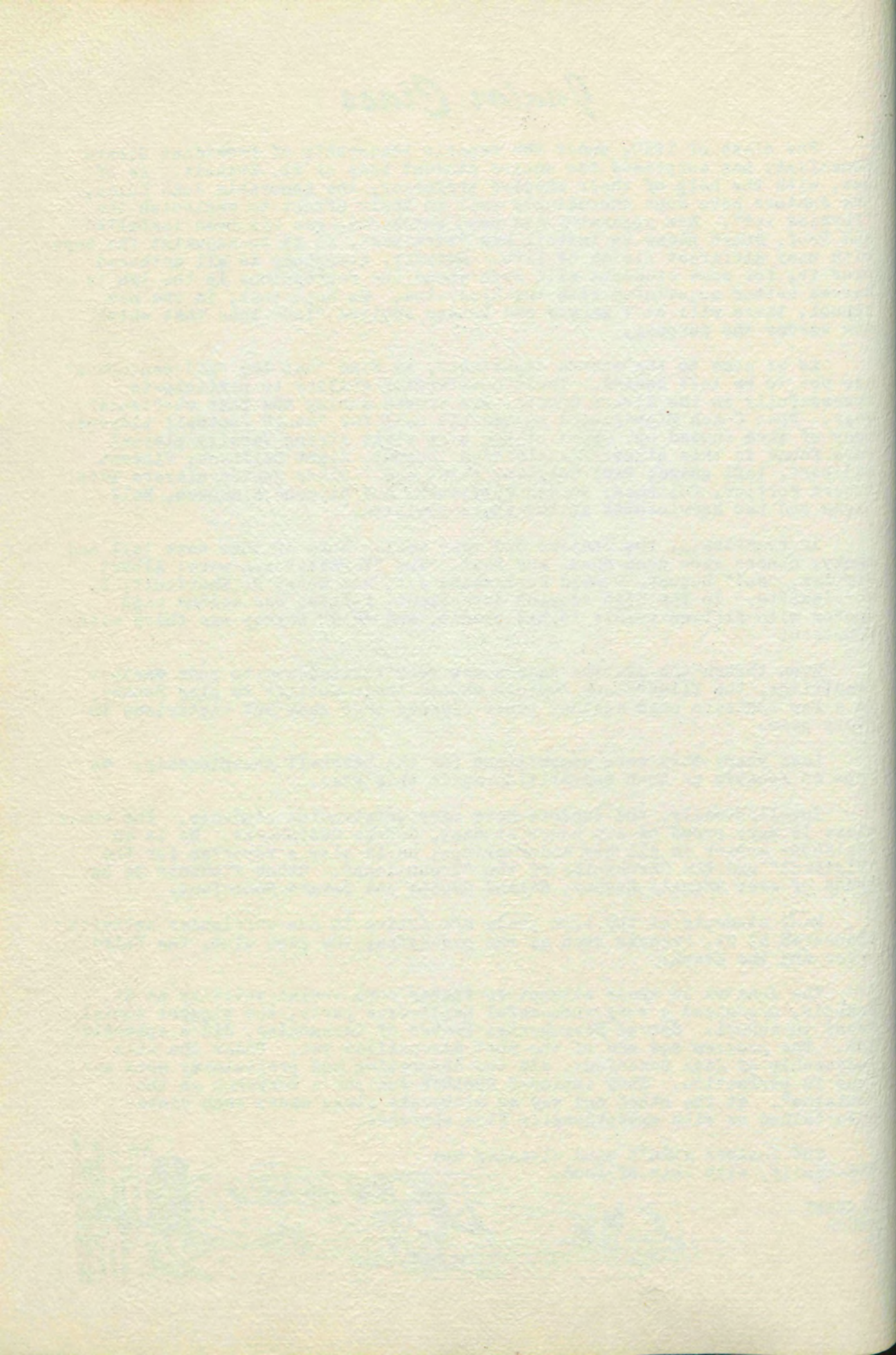
Many students of the 11th grade are active in non-curricular activities sponsored at St. Francis such as the orchestra, the glee club, the Third Order and the Stopa.

The Juniors in their attempt to foster more social activity at St. Francis, organized a very successful Mardi-Gras party, the biggest social event in school. George Desroberts, Master of Ceremonies, did a splendid job. The program was one of the most diversified yet. Under the able leadership of Jack Bonenfant, all the decorating and preliminary work was done to perfection. They employed Brother Juniper's workshop as the "cuisine". At the other end was an elaborate stage where each class entertained us with exceptionally fine sketches.

The Juniors didn't mind cleaning up; especially, with lots of food.

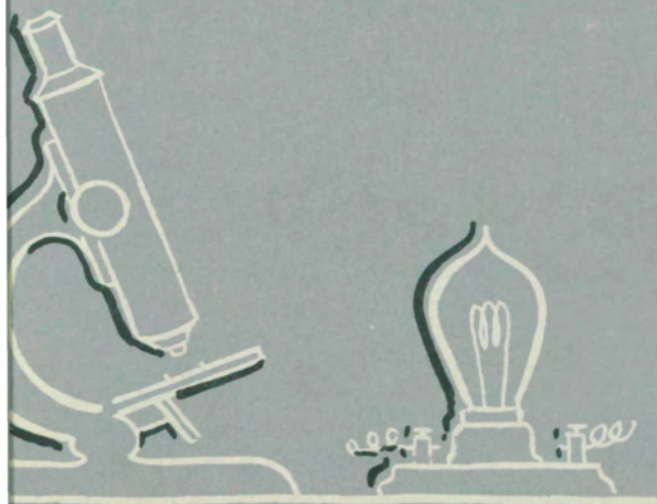
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SOPHOMORES

Sophomore Class

When the present sophomore class entered as freshmen it numbered thirty members; today twenty remain.

This class has good leaders and Fernand Laval and Arthur Barry, their class president and vice president, are these. The class secretary Paul Proulx, besides being the outstanding scholar of the class is also editor of the Vigilant to which Barry contributes regularly his Sophomore conditions.

The sophomore class won second prize for their Halloween play. They put on a great show which everybody liked. The Mardi-Gras party was also very successful for these gentlemen. They put on a good sketch which did not, however, win a prize. Martineau won the prize for the best costume at the masquerade and he surely deserved it.

The public speaking hopefuls of the sophomores are Proulx (French), Cournoyer (English) and Poncin (English). We wish these three success.

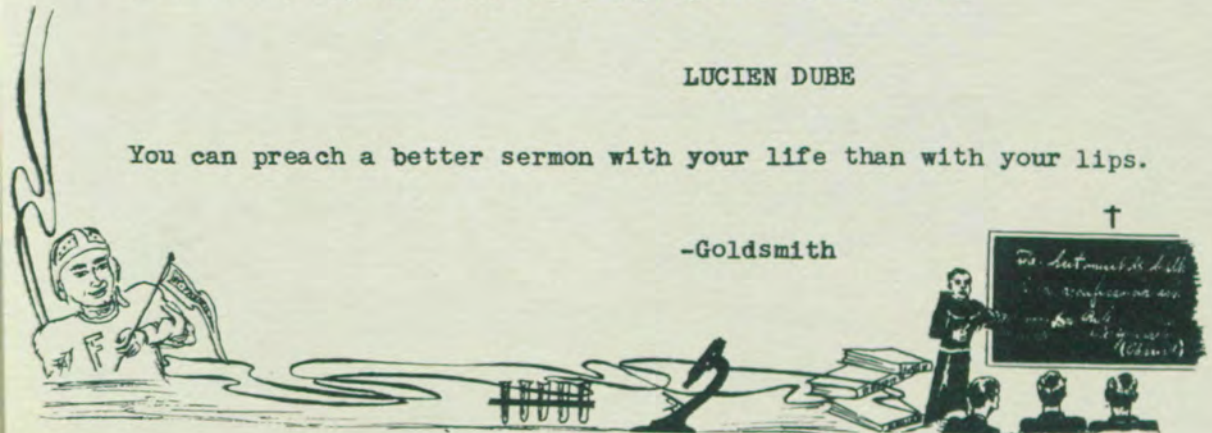
In sports this class established a fine record in football and hockey. Boucher, a capable captain, led his team to seven victories and suffered one defeat. Four sophomores who made the varsity were a real contribution to the team. They were: Robert Gelinas, Jacques Brissart, Henry Cournoyer and Roger Doiron. In hockey they chalked up a 4 and 2 record under the leadership of Captain Marin. The Juniors were the only ones to defeat this team and that in no easy matches. Marin represented this class on the varsity team. Three sophomores made varsity in basketball and proved themselves worthy choices. They were as follows: Guy Archambault, Roger Doiron, and Robert Martineau. We must also look to the sophomores for a fine baseball team. Under the able leadership of Robert Martineau, their pitcher, and Henry Cournoyer, Co-Captain, they can stand up against any class and make a good showing of it.

We wish the sophomores continued progress and success.

LUCIEN DUBE

You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.

-Goldsmith





LONGFELLOW
HAWTHORNE



FRESHMEN

Freshman Class

September last saw a refined group of freshmen anchoring at St. Francis' port of knowledge. Though most of them arrived in small shy vessels; they sailed bravely with us onto the sea of another school year. The first port at which they anchored, for spiritual light, was the "Annual Retreat". They then went onward across the blue sea learning as they sailed the deeps, till the "Port of Initiation" they did see.

The initiation went on for three days. Now many a freshman got his instructions for the long journey ahead. Some learned how to swim, namely Jack Bilodeau and René Valade, who were elected Royal Rulers of the class. While they posed for their pictures, it seemed that all the waters of Niagara came down on them. Many a freshman was scared stiff during the ordeal but none more than Carrol Soucy and his friend James McManus, who were ordered to jump on tacks. As they stood on high ready to jump, sweat rolled down their faces onto the floor, and they turned purple with fear. Many other humorous incidents including the ever popular "hot furnace" told the freshmen how warmly they were welcomed here by the sympathetic seniors and other upper class-men. Before the end of the ritual a more realistic group of older boys managed to comfort the Freshmen with an unexpected cold shower as they marched out of the hall. (P.S. I had never seen so many unhappy ducks.)

Again the sails were set to the winds, and our freshman ship roamed the "Sea of Knowledge" in scholastic pursuits. There Roland Breton and Gerald Nantel shared first place and Gary Michaud occupied third place, while the fourth and fifth places were seized by Carrol Soucy and Alfred Jacques respectively.

Early in the year this fast sailing class took time off to elect these officers: president Gary Michaud, vice president Maurice McDuff, chairman Albert St. Cyr, treasurer Albert Jacques and secretary Gerard Nantel, these last two represent the class on the Stopa committee.

On the "Sea of Sports" the going was rather rough. Though they lost all their football games against the upper classes, they showed the will to win and good class spirit. Untold hours were spent at practice to perfect the teams as much as possible. Every freshman played and loved football under captain Richard Coriveau.

Maurice McDuff, who played varsity football was captain of the hockey team that strove to defeat the "Sophomore Six" with near success once. A few of the freshmen stars are: Richard Bonenfant, Marcel Levesque, Leslie Bouchard, Robert Lamirande, Harvey St. Amand, Elmer Dumond, Roland Guerrette and Lester Collins.

In basketball we found Elmer Dumond, Robert Lamirande, Harvey St. Amand, Richard Corriveau, Rene Valade, Norman Charrette, Charles Maynard, Richard Powers, Leslie Bouchard and Gary Michaud playing very well in one of the junior varsity games. Though the freshmen did not play many games in basketball, they practiced considerably and defeated the freshmen from Biddeford High.

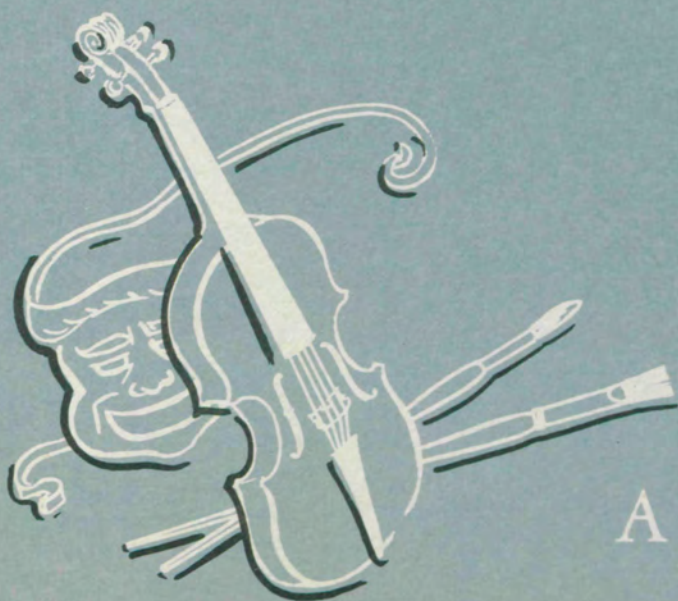
And thus ends our voyage with the Freshman Class. We wish them a brilliant success in their studies and much happiness during their stay at St. Francis.

LUCIEN BARON





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ACTIVITIES

Glee Club

In the school year of 1946 and 1947, Rev. Fr. Ange-Marie Portelance, graduate of the Reale Academia Filarmonica of Rome, organized the Glee Club and Schola Cantorium here at Saint Francis.

The new group's first public appearance will long remain a memorable event. After many long hours of practicing and rehearsing, the operetta, "Royal Dindon" was put on in May of 1948 at Saint Andre's Parish Hall. This operetta proved to be a great success.

Last December 19 a group of singers rendered a special Christmas program over the local radio station on the weekly Hour of God. Once again the group was most successful and it received many congratulations. The schola is now preparing a mass to be sung in Portland some time in May.

For its second Annual Concert the Glee Club will this May present a romantic comic opera for boys, "The Vagabonds" by Arthur A. Penn.

The senior class has made many important contributions to the Glee Club and Schola Cantorium. The following especially have been very active: Clement Auger, Arthur Anstiss, Raymond Lagace, Jean-Louis Bourret, Joel Bouchard, Herve Poissant, Robert Parenteau, Valmont Gilbert and Louis Pelletier.

Rev. Father Frederic Belanger organized the first school orchestra in the Fall of 1940, when we were still nothing but scrubby third graders. The first group was rather skimpy: one violin, a trumpet and an harmonica with piano accompaniment. Very soon after a small set of drums was purchased by Fr. Frederic, as always, at a bargain price. This imposing group made its first appearance at the second annual Christmas party.

By 1942 the St. Francis Orchestra had established its value. Its services were demanded often for a great variety of occasions. Fr. Frederic would make judicious selections and travel with the group to such sedate affairs as St. Andre's parish bazaar and Knights of Columbus communion breakfasts. Occasionally the group would become more worldly and appear at such affairs as a Jackson Day dinner at the Falmouth Hotel in Portland.

In 1947 Rev. Father Ange-Marie Portelance a specialist in music, became head of the music department here and took over the direction of the orchestra.

Unfortunately, a dwindling in the number of instrumental music students here has considerably curtailed the activities of the orchestra lately.

The group, however, still exists. It did exceptionally well at the rendition of Royal Dindon last year. We are all anxious to see the school orchestra regain its popularity of former years.

LOUIS PELLETIER

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The Students' Organization for the Promotion of Activities was born in the month of January with the purpose of promoting and nurturing activities in the school. With but half a school year left to produce results, it cannot be too productive; yet, it will try to do its utmost.

Consisting of a committee of two members from each class, the organization convenes twice a month in the form of a democratic legislature. It may in years to come prove the vitalizing force at St. Francis, but only when it has surmounted its many present difficulties.



Mr. Dolan, our English professor, also in charge of English dramatics, selected a ghost story—"The Ghost of Jerry Blunder"—for our annual competition one act play. This seven male character play will enter the York County contest for the Southern Maine district, March 31. Early in April, winners will contest in the finals for State honors. Last year, these finals were held at Bowdoin College. Because of extensive alterations now going on at Bowdoin, the place and time of the event have not as yet been determined.

Rev. Fr. Frederic, in charge of French dramatics, is tentatively considering "St. François et le Méchant Homme" for presentation this year. It should be quite appropriate for this school.

This year again Fr. Ange-Marie will present an operetta for the students and residents of the neighboring cities, "The Vagabonds", by Arthur A. Penn. The great success of Royal Dindon last May augurs well for another fine performance this year.

PUBLIC AND PRIZE SPEAKING

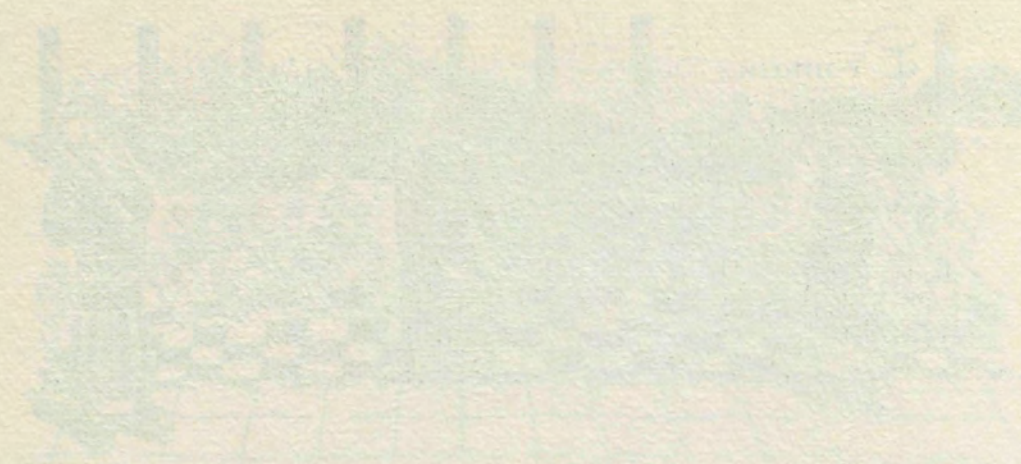
Preliminary exercises for the Regional Spears Speaking Contest will be held about the middle of April in our school auditorium. Five students—one from each class—will participate in the English division. The winner will then present his speech at Deering High School in Portland the latter part of April. The winners in this regional contest—a boy and a girl—will appear in the finals to be held at the State House in Augusta, early in May.

In addition, Professor Dolan plans to enter contestants in two more contests, namely: the 40th annual Montgomery Interscholastic Prize Speaking Contest which will be held, as usual, at Colby College, Waterville. This contest is limited to young men in the secondary schools of New England. Last year, Peter Barry our Spear winner, was selected to appear in the finals at Colby on May 8th.

On the 30th day of April, 1949, there will be held, on the campus of the University of Maine at Orono, a speaking contest for the secondary schools of Maine. The purpose of this annual contest is to stimulate interest and training in effective public speaking and interpretative reading in the high schools of this state. Prof. Dolan is considering Peter Barry as a candidate for the second division, which is "Original Oratory". In this division, the contestant is expected to write his own oration. The subject matter is left to his discretion.

A rendition of French Declamations will also be given in the preliminaries. A delegate from each class will participate.

CLEMENT B. AUGER



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Voices of S. F.

Although Saint Francis is but a young, small school it has two fine periodicals, the "Vigilant" and the "Troubadour". Each is an excellent school paper in its respective field. Every student can in all earnestness feel proud of both, because both show the endeavors, ingenuity and, capabilities of the student body. It shows that the fellows who have undertaken to form the nucleus of each paper, the editorial staffs, have school spirit.

The "Vigilant" our mimeographed news sheet was born in the fall 1947 thanks to Peter Barry, Charles Keenan and, Philip Cloutier. From the start, the "Vigilant" has risen steadily to a stellar position. It is very probable that one day, or even now, this 7 by 8½ inch paper will outshine the official school periodical "Troubadour". If the students in the years to come put the time and effort into the making of the "Vigilant" that the boys of past and present have done and are now doing it will continue to new and greater heights.

"The paternal, demure gentleman who refrains from frequent appearances", as Peter Barry refers to the "Troubadour" does so very correctly. The "Troubadour" is of equal interest both to the alumni away from Saint Francis and to the students here. The "Troubadour" is becoming more and more the voice of Saint Francis College and High School in the world. The growing Alumni and others interested in the school are given by it an insight into the rapid educational and material development of Saint Francis. Throughout the years to come the "Troubadour" will become an ever more binding link between the memorable past and living present.

Together "Vigilant" and "Troubadour" are part of Saint Francis, a very living and essential part, and will continue, we trust. Each has its place in the school today and tomorrow.

CHARLES PAUL RANDALL

Le Cercle Francais

Le cercle a été fondé par le Révérend père Guillaume Lavallée et Léo Savoie, en Janvier, 1949. Léo et son confrère, Laurent Durant, deux bibliothécaires, après avoir pesé les possibilités pendant quelques semaines, se sont finalement décidés à demander à dix ou douze élèves de devenir membres. Tous acceptèrent.

Le but de notre cercle français est d'améliorer notre langage et notre style. Nous voulons aussi corriger les anglicismes qui pénètrent et défigurent notre belle langue française. Aucun de nous Franco-Américains devrait rougir de ses ancêtres, plusieurs d'entre eux sont devenus de grands hommes et sont morts pour ce pays, comme de vrais héros. Aussi nous voulons apprendre tout ce que l'on peut de la France; de ses châteaux fameux, ses artistes, compositeurs, écrivains, musiciens; en somme, sa civilisation et sa culture.

A chaque réunion, deux ou trois membres présentent soit un compte rendu d'un roman, soit un récit, ou encore une bonne lecture.

Afin que chacun ait une chance de faire un travail, on va à tour de rôle, laissant chaque individu libre de choisir n'importe quel sujet qu'il désire traiter.

Le cercle n'est pas nombreux, et il ne serait pas pratique qu'il le soit, parce que pour commencer ou fonder quelque chose, il ne faut pas nécessairement un grand nombre. Il suffit de quelques élèves qui veulent travailler et progresser. Par celà, je ne veux pas dire que les membres actuels sont les seuls amis du français, loin de là, il y en a beaucoup ici qui pourraient facilement prendre ma place avec avantage. Le cercle

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Boy Scouts & Sea Scouts

In the Fall of 1944, Rev. Fr. Norman, O.F.M., still our indifatigable leader organized the Scout movement here at St. Francis. He has since been the leader of the Sea Scouts. Rev. Fr. Désiré, O.F.M., was appointed first leader of the Boy Scouts. But Fr. Désiré was called away and Rev. Fr. Alberic, O.F.M., took over in the Fall of 1945. He in turn received a new appointment in 1947. Fr. Norman has since then taken over the complete direction of both groups.

The Sea Scouts, after patient waiting, received their first motor launch February 14th, 1948. With the motor launch, a twenty-four footer weighing three tons and a half, came two dories. After long, tedious work, the great day finally arrived. The coldest day in May Rev. Fr. Luke, O.F.M., Sea Scout Chaplain presided at the Christening of the "S.S.S. St. Francis". Rev. Fr. Ange-Marie, O.F.M., lead the band, and Rev. Fr. Frederic, O.F.M., took moving pictures. There was, at the same time, a general blessing of the College Fleet gaily decorated and gathered in the bay for the occasion.

In the Fall of 1948, cruising became one of the chief occupation of the Sea Scouts. Many cruises were organized and greatly enjoyed. Of the many incidents which high lighted the cruise one stands out especially after an all day cruise. To one of the many islands a few miles out, the crew made ready to return, manned the ship, and gave the signal and.....found itself grounded. There was absolutely nothing that could be done. The tide went down and down and there was our boat very solidly grounded. Fr. Norman, the 1st Mate, Robert Simard and a member of the crew stayed while the others returned by dory. It was way past mid-night when the S.S.S. St. Francis finally docked at the school wharf.

The Boy Scouts have also been very active. Many overnight hikes were enjoyed by the group. Nature study and fire building during this time were the main requirements studied. The Scouts especially enjoyed Jamboree at Chisholm, Maine.

Many of the Senior class have been active in scouting. Special mention, however should be made of the fine work of assistant scout master Hervey Poissant, and 2nd Mate, Louis Pelletier.

LOUIS PELLETIER

Third Order

The Third Order at St. Francis, was first organized by Rev. Fr. Luke, O.F.M., in 1940. Six pupils took the Holy Habit on June 13, of that year this being the feastday of St. Anthony after whom our fraternity is named.

During the nine years of its existence it has succeeded in gradually overcoming all the obstacles impending its progress. The enthusiasm of the members seems to die down during summer vacation but flares up immediately upon their return to school. This enthusiasm is due chiefly to the lack of weekly meetings and the daily recitation of the Office together. However, as soon as these practices are renewed they weld the entire fraternity into one enthusiastic group.

Up to date we have had five directors namely, The Reverend Fathers, Luke Chabot, O.F.M.; Normand Thibodeau, O.F.M.; John Forrest Galvin, O.F.M.; Réginald Roy, O.F.M.; Guillaume Lavallée, O.F.M. (Rector) our present director. Each in turn did much for the betterment of the fraternity.

Already more than one hundred and forty-eight students have entered the Order, of these seventy-one are professed members. At present there are ten professed members in residence here who with thirteen novices are striving to carry on the spirit of St. Francis.

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Le Nouveau Collège

L'an dernier avant de partir pour les vacances nous avions déjà l'espérance qu'à notre retour la construction serait en marche et que notre gymnase serait déjà très avancé; mais à notre grande surprise, bien que beaucoup de choses eussent été faites, au lieu du collège, du gymnase et de toutes les nouvelles bâtisses que nous nous avions espérées nous n'avions qu'un énorme précipice devant le collège actuel. La construction était retardée pour plusieurs raisons. Cette cavité s'allonge d'un bout à l'autre du terrain. Quant à sa largeur elle s'étend du collège au monastère. Pour faciliter le passage entre le collège et la chapelle un pont a été érigé. Malgré les apparences, il peut facilement supporter toute la communauté. Il nous arrive souvent lorsque nous traversons ce pont de parler des projets et du collège à venir. Dès notre départ, et même avant, nous eûmes la satisfaction de réaliser une partie de nos rêves, et ce fut très intéressant de regarder les camions passer d'un côté à l'autre de notre "campus" en train de remplir notre ancien terrain de jeux; malgré le peu de temps qui nous restait avant le départ des vacances nous eûmes le plaisir de voir notre terrain égalisé et rempli. Les journées passèrent et sans le savoir nous étions de retour au collège. Quelle surprise! non, pas de nouveau collège ni de gymnase, mais tous les visages rayonnaient en admirant le nouveau terrain de jeux enfin terminé. Une chose certaine c'est que notre champs fut piloté et bouleversé de tous côtés le lendemain par les élèves qui l'entraînèrent pour la première fois. Pauvre champs il en "arrachera" d'ici à la fin de l'année, football, baseball, courses, etc.. C'est ainsi que fut accompli une partie de notre nouveau projet, et certainement nous sommes curieux de voir un nouveau collège érigé sur notre "campus". Imaginez-vous les dortoirs, les chambres, la salle de musique, le réfectoire, le gymnase, l'auditorium, la chapelle et toutes les autres merveilles dont il sera sujet lorsque les jeunes Freshmen et Sophomores reviendront pour la classe en un collège tout à fait neuf! Oui, c'est difficile à croire, car pour le présent nous n'avons pour échafauder nos rêves que cette immense précipice. Mais Dieu n'a-t-il pas dit que tout ce qui a un commencement aura une fin? Eh bien! vous pouvez vous rassurer. Le creusage est fait, les formes, le ciment, la fondation, l'acier et tout le matériel nécessaire, arriveront à leur temps. Et notre imagination s'amuse à bâtir pour ce trou béant le chef-d'oeuvre que sera notre collège. Pour nous aider dans ce travail nous regardons la nouvelle chaufferie qui est presque terminée. Et je vous assure que c'est quelque chose de bien. Les élèves n'auront pas à craindre le froid. Oui, Dieu aidant, l'entreprise, si considérable soit-elle, arrivera prochainement à bonne fin. La direction est entre bonnes mains, le Rév. Frère Cajetan est l'architecte et d'après les renseignements que nous avons, il est capable de bâtir un collège selon nos désirs. M. Asselyn, contracteur du creusage et de la chaufferie, a conduit les travaux de main de maîtres. Son ardeur au travail, son adresse et ses manières de gentil-homme lui ont gagné la sympathie et l'estime de tous.

Nous n'osons pas parler du coût de la nouvelle construction. On parle de \$600,000.00. Cette somme ne manque pas d'effrayer tout le monde. Mais les Pères comptent sur l'aide de la divine Providence et sur la générosité des bienfaiteurs. Nous prions le ciel d'inspirer les âmes généreuses de se faire les agents de la Providence pour mener à bonne fin cette entreprise si nécessaire à l'éducation des générations nouvelles.

HERVEY POISSANT

Le Cercle Français

a limité le nombre de ses membres pour l'unique raison de rendre plus facile sa fondation et son organisation.

Les membres du cercle sont: Conseiller, Rév. Père Guillaume Lavallée; Président, Léo Savoie; Vice Prés., Laurent Durant; Secrétaire et Trésorier, Hervey Poissant.

Les autres membres sont: Raymond Jolin, Robert Simard, Peter Barry, Valmont Gilbert, Robert Parenteau, George Desroberts, Ernest Query, Clement Thibodeau.
Auteur- ROBERT PARENTEAU

Nos Collegiens

Dans cette année scolaire, nous avons avec nous deux de nos confrères qui sont finissants. Oui, pour eux c'est leur dernière année au collège St. François. Au mois de juin, ils partiront de leur Alma Mater pour ne plus y retourner pour plusieurs années peut-être. Nous espérons tous qu'ils trouveront leur vraie vocation et qu'ils seront heureux dans leur nouveau genre de vie.

Comme j'ai dit, ils sont finissants mais cela ne veut pas dire qu'ils sont déjà partis. Non, notre gros Robert Simard est encore ici pour quelques mois. Bob est un bon "first mate" parmi les "Sea Scouts" et pendant son séjour ici, il a fait beaucoup pour l'amélioration des scouts au collège. Il est aussi supposé être un fameux chef cuisinier. Oui, et un cuisinier qui s'annonce; il est gras et rougeaud et a un embonpoint respectable.

Son confrère finissant, Etienne St.-Amand, mieux connu sous le nom de "Steve", est un diplômé de la classe de 1945. Steve, après avoir gradué, est parti pour le séminaire des pères de LaSalette et je crois qu'il demeura là deux ans. Il est revenu en retard pour le premier semestre mais bien en temps pour le deuxième. "Steve", tu n'es pas trop grand mais je suis certain que tu l'es assez pour jouer au gouret. Oui, pendant l'unique partie qu'il a jouée, il a scoré quatre points sur quatre. Je suis certain que les élèves voudraient que tu sois ici l'année prochaine.

Sans fâcher personne, je voudrais prendre la liberté de dire: "C'est assez pour les finissants, nous allons maintenant parler des enfants de la première année de collège."

A part des deux finissants nous avons parmi nous cette année neuf commençants, c'est-à-dire, dans le collège.

Nous connaissons tous notre charmant petit André Giroux, il est si petit et si aimable qu'il ne peut s'empêcher de se gagner des amis avec une personnalité telle que la sienne. Prononcez "Banana" et tous savent de qui il s'agit.

Nous avons dans la même classe un "Caruso". Il n'y a pas de doutes que Henri Marcil est un autre de ces fameux chanteurs qui par malchance ne sont jamais reconnus par le public. Il me fait peine de le dire, mais que voulez-vous faire?

Roland Ouellette et Paul Choquette sont d'illustres musiciens. Roland avec sa clarinette est un autre Artie Shaw. Paul est un autre Rubenstein. C'est vraiment pitoyable de voir des musiciens comme eux rester inconnus quand ils pourraient aisément être membre de la symphonie de Arturo Toscanini.

Nous arrivons alors à Raoul Comtois et son ami, Raymond Jolin. Nous avons ici dans Raoul un homme fort, studieux et un musicien. Nous allons toujours nous souvenir de lui, de sa générosité, de sa personnalité et de son violon.

Raymond est un acteur né. Les élèves qui l'ont vu sur le théâtre l'an dernier n'oublieront jamais ce Roméo.

Victor Poulin est à mon point de vue, le plus grand liseur de sa classe. Victor est un bon lanceur pendant la saison de baseball, un bon joueur de bouret, de tennis et de football. Il est pour tous ses confrères un joyeux et agréable compagnon.

Pour couronner le groupe, nous avons Laurent Durant et Léo Savoie, les deux bibliothécaires. Laurent est un ardent travailleur. Il a passé beaucoup de ses récréations à remettre la bibliothèque en ordre. Léo Savoie, son assistant a accompli beaucoup lui aussi. Il a à son crédit, la fondation du cercle français.

(Conclusion sur la 21ème p. de Football)



PHIDIPPIDES
HERCULES



ATHLETICS



Upon our arrival at Saint Francis for our last year, we were greeted by a new member of the faculty. He was a tall man well built with pleasant features. After a brief conversation we discovered that this fine specimen of the masculine sex was no other than our Coach and Math. Prof. His name which you may have difficulty to pronounce is Henry Michalewicz, graduate of Boston College, and also a member of the United States Coast Guards for sixteen months.

On the day assigned for tryouts, thirty-five students turned out. After introducing himself, the Coach stated that he had but twenty-four uniforms, and that he would choose the best he could find to fill them. After a few days of calisthenics only twenty-five were seen on the field for practice. Now the Coach had a better picture of his prospects. After a few more days of calisthenics, to get the players in shape, he assigned uniforms and organized two teams for scrimmage. After seeing the boys in action he chose his first team and assigned each position. After a week's training the team was ready for the first clash of the season vs. St. Ignatius in Sanford.

The two teams met at Goodall field September 25th. The stars of the day for our Red and Gold Squad were Rudy Pelletier and Roland Ouellette, both did very well on both offensive and defensive play. After a game of thrills and spills the Blue and Gold ended with a victory of 12-6 over the St. Francis Alouettes. Coach Michalewicz stated that his boys would not go down in defeat in their next game.

And sure enough, Coach Michalewicz's predicament came true. The Alouettes are flying high again after defeating Al's Yanks 12-0. The game was played on our home field. It was also the first Football Game ever played on our new gridiron. The home team showed their power both in the air and on the ground. The most spectacular play of the afternoon occurred when the Yanks, in possession of the ball on the mid-field stripe attempted a lateral. The quarterback, had just let the ball go when Rudy popped out of nowhere, snatched the ball out of mid-air and raced off to the goal line untouched.

For their third game of the Season, the Alouettes tried night flying against the St. Louis Blue and Gold. In the third period the Alouettes hit an air pocket which brought them to their defeat by a score of 6-0. Although, our first night game was not successful we hope that more practice will bring more victories next year. Night flying was a great experience for the new squad of Alouettes.

November 6th, the St. Francis Alouettes overpowered a weak Wells High team by a score of 13-0. After having lost in a night clash, the Alouettes had the cry of "revenge" on their lips. Leading the attack for St. Francis Red and Gold were Rudy, Cournoyer and Fortier. Touchdowns were scored by Rudy, Senior and varsity star, and by Cournoyer, Sophomore letterman, Nadeau kicked the first point after, but failed in his second try. Roland Ouellette quarterbacked his team splendidly throwing passes to Marcil,

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Football

Nadeau and Rudy Pelletier.

After gaining height again the Alouettes hit another air pocket when they clashed against Al's Yanks for a second time. They surprised the St. Francis squad by using new tricky plays and also had this advantage: a few new experienced players. The Alouettes did not go down without a fight, however. The game ended with a 7-0 decision. Al's Yanks displaying some good sportsmanship in this game. Our most bruised player was quarterback Roland Ouellette whose mouth was pretty badly cut up.

The Alouettes although the underdog in their last game showed high spirits when they accepted to play the semi-pro-Thornton Academy Rooter's Club, a group of Thornton Alumni on Thanksgiving day. That morning we woke up to a dark cold day with a steady drizzle. The players kept up their high spirits and things looked pretty good. Most of our real team however were at home for the Thanksgiving recess. Still our team did a good job. This proves that most of the twenty-four players had equal ability. The game ended with a 7-0 decision in favor of Thornton Alumni. Distinguished players of the day were Rudy Pelletier and Bob Parenteau who led the squad both in the air and on the ground.

The senior class wishes to extend their congratulations to the football squad for its magnificent display of good sportsmanship during all the games. Although it was hard to keep from getting mad at times, they behaved like true Christians. Our only casualties of the season were Bob Parenteau who got two fractured bones in the spine during the Thanksgiving Game, and Roger Doiron who got a brain concussion during one of the games. We also wish to extend our best wishes to the squad of '49 which will still be under the direction of Coach Michalewicz.

LINEUP

R.E.	Phil Nadeau	Joel Bouchard
R.T.	Hervey Poissant	Yvon Levesque
R.G.	Bob Gelinas	Jacques Brissart
C.	Andy Giroux	Raymond Boucher
L.G.	Vincent Audibert.	Leo Morrisette
L.T.	Clem Auger	Lucien Baron
L.E.	Henry Marcil.	Paul Gelinas
R.H.	Bob Parenteau	Normand Therrieault
L.H.	Red Duguay	Henry Cournoyer
Q.B.	Roland Ouellette.	Roger Doiron
F.B.	Rudy Pelletier.	Al Fortier

SUBS

Arthur Anstiss, Victor Poulin, Richard Corriveau and Raymond Simoneau.

JOEL BOUCHARD

Nos Collegiens

Quoiqu'ils ne soient pas nombreux, les collégiens sont actifs et prennent part à toutes les activités du collège. Ils savent à l'occasion donner le bon exemple. Et c'est toujours avec regret que nous les voyons quitter l'Alma Mater.

ROBERT PARENTEAU



Hockey

In spite of winter's delay and unfavorable weather when it did come, St. Francis was able to organize for its sport's fans a hockey team which proved itself superior to its competitors. Father William Lavallé, Rector, gave generously of his time and put great effort into preparing our boys for their initial victory over St. Andrée, on Feb. 20th, the S. F. Sextet led throughout the entire game. St. Andrée's only desire was to meet the S. F. Sextet again in the near future. The second game this was by our team against St. Andrée. This feat resulted in a tie. In this game, our goaler, Ray Jolin, suffered a deep gash in the lower lip which necessitated a few stitches. However, Ray was replaced by Leopold Nicknair, who in turn was replaced by André Giroux. This game was played under very unfavorable circumstances, a deluge of rain. The rain, however, did not dampen the spirit of the Sextet in the least. They still manifested a dagged determination to come through victoriously and led St. Andrée's players till a few minutes before the finish of this spectacular game. When the S. F. Sextet played this third consecutive game with St. André, it had Steve St. Amand as a new addition to the team. Although slashing conditions at this time were still unfavorable, the S. F. Players mustered sufficient power to beat St. André for a second time. The S. F. found St. André's team very sportsmanlike in its tactics. This unables St. Francis team to reciprocate with an equally high degree of sportmanship.

Inasmuch as hockey is the chief sport at St. Francis after the football season, the students are desirous of making its team an outstanding one in this vicinity. Its splendid record this year sets a standard which we hope future teams will be inspired to emulate.

LINEUP: Center: Roland Ouellette; Steve St. Amand; R. Wing: Victor Poulin; L. Wing: Bob Parenteau; R. Guard: Joel Bouchard; L. Guard: Yvon Levesque; 2nd Line: Vincent Audibert; R. Wing: Alfred Marain; L. Wing: Raymond Simoneau; R. Guard: Henry Marcil; L. Guard: Leo Morrisette.

VALMONT GILBERT

Baseball

Because this is a pre-season article, baseball and track reports may not be as accurate as desired.

Our team promises to give credit to the school. Our hops for a good mound staff has been dampened somewhat by the loss of Rudolph Pelletier. We have, however, Victor Poulin and Bos Parenteau, two experienced hands, who should take the burden of the mound quite gracefully. The infield is a dastardly sight but full confidence is put in the Coach, who will undoubtedly develop a clicking infield and a sharp outfield. Looking on the offensive side of the game, we find that our pre-season lineup is not as well packed with power as could be desired. The story of the games therefore will be decided on our defensive strategy. If our team works hard, the games should develop into some extremely exciting contests.

TRACK

This is a new sport at St. Francis. How will this sport turn out??? The Coach has a monstrous job which will take plenty of time but if he succeeds and we are sure he will; St. Francis may soon have a team that will never say "die".

RICHARD RENAUD



Basketball



Basketball really took shape this year at St. Francis under the direction of Coach Michalewicz. Many of the students showed a keen interest in this sport introduced here this winter. At first the players displayed a lack of experience, but their keen interest helped the Coach to knit together a team that proved quite formidable in all the contests entered.

The lack of gym facilities on the campus made it quite difficult for the boys to get the systematic training so necessary to produce a first class team. However, the Right Reverend Monsignor Decary very kindly allowed us the use of St. André's gym two days a week. This helped the squad considerably to develop the well-coordinated team that the students felt proud of. The station wagon also helped provide transportation to town for practices, as well as for various games. The Senior drivers performed their task most skillfully assuring the boys of rapid and safe transportation to and from St. Francis.

Our first game took place November 19 at the Y.M.C.A. gym in Portland vs. North Eastern Business College. We felt quite outclassed in this game but the dogged spirit of our boys succeeded in holding down the somewhat high scoring of the North Eastern players.

Our next contest saw the junior varsity of St. Ignatius engaging our junior varsity in a very spirited game. Our boys showed a keen ability in passing and blocking, which kept the St. Ignatius players constantly on their toes. The score 29-20 in favor of St. Ignatius showed that the St. Francis team was coming into its own. Immediately after this game our varsity met with St. Ignatius varsity for one of our most challenging games. Here, St. Francis fought a hard and fast game, but St. Ignatius proved a trifle too powerful for our fast stepping five.

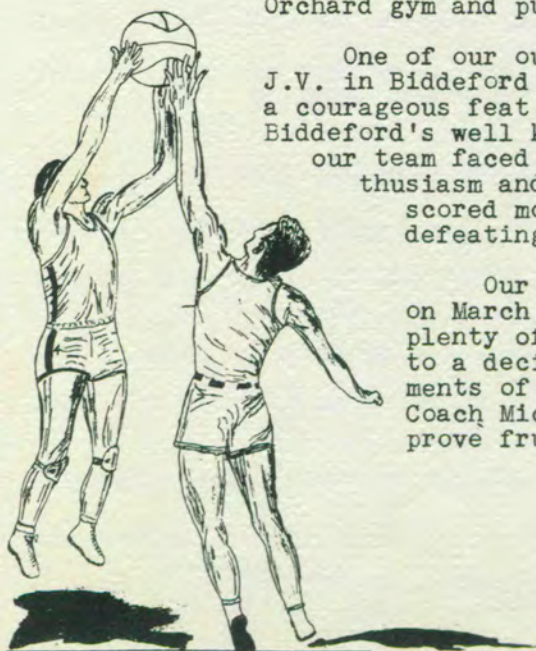
On January 18, we met Old Orchard in its own gym. In this game Lucien Dubé played a spectacular offensive game but Old Orchard's snappy five outmen manoeuvred our boys walking off the court with a 59-21 victory.

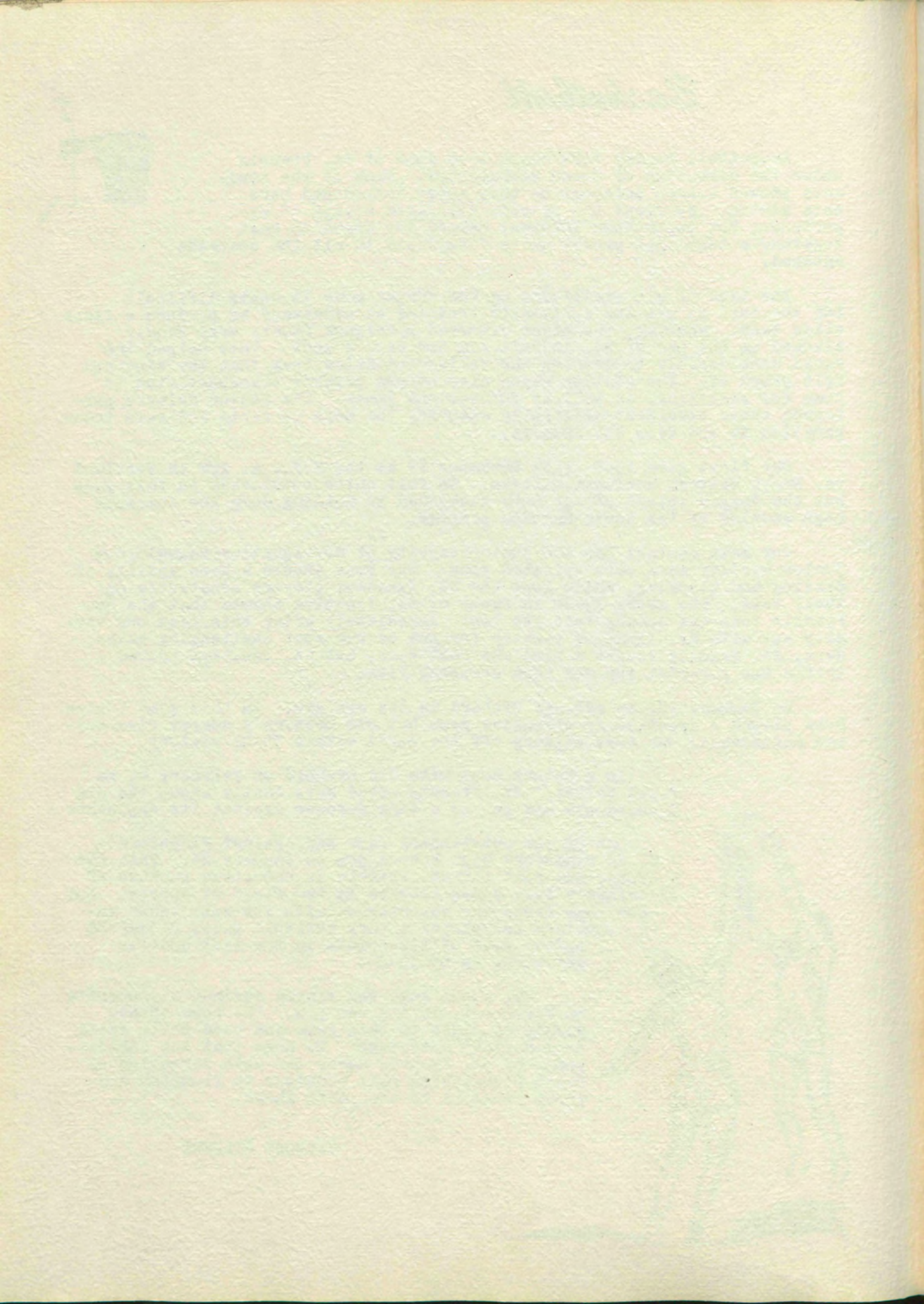
In a return bout with Old Orchard on February 8, we fared better. St. Francis moved more easily about the Old Orchard gym and put up a fine defense against its opponents.

One of our outstanding game was against Biddeford's J.V. in Biddeford High School gym on January 25. This was a courageous feat for St. Francis to undertake because of Biddeford's well known prowess in the field of sports. But our team faced the adversaries with its well-known enthusiasm and played a very skillful game, Biddeford scored most of its points in the last quarter defeating us by 33-20.

Our final game was played against St. Andre's on March 1st, in its own gym. The boys showed plenty of class in this game and used their skill to a decided advantage. We hope that the achievements of St. Francis under the able direction of Coach Michalewicz will continue to flourish and prove fruitful in the years ahead.

VALMONT GILBERT





Humor

Louis: Those sausages you sent me were meat at one end and corn meal at the other.

Clem: Yes, Louis. In these hard times it's difficult to make both ends meat.

Val: I suppose you think I'm a perfect idiot.

John: Oh, none of us is perfect.

Yvon: You should be ashamed of yourself, laughing at that fat Mr. Dolan.

Hervey: I'm just having fun at his expanse.

Mr. Dolan: If Shakespeare were here today, he would be looked on as a remarkable man.

Richard: Yes, he'd be more than 350 years old.

Fr. John: Mr. Giroux, what is meant by LXX?

Andy Banana: Love and kisses.

John and Robert after our Friday night movie:

John: Isn't it wonderful what progress the pictures have made all within a few years?

Robert: Amazing, first they moved; then they talked; and now this one smells.

Student: To whom was Minerva married?

Fr. Normand: My boy, when will you learn that Minerva was the Goddess of Wisdom? She wasn't married.

Louis: I et six eggs this morning.

Philip: You mean ate, don't you?

Louis: Yes, maybe it was eight.

Joel: What is meant by polygon?

John: I guess it must mean a parrot that's dead, doesn't it?

Richard: But I don't think I deserve a zero!!

Fr. Aldée: Me too, but that's the lowest I can give.

Class Prophecy

first and finest fleet. He invites all of us aboard and thus we go down Boston's famous harbor and sail into the enchanted channels of time.

JEAN LOUIS BOURRET

Faculty

Mater and he holds the enviable distinction of being the first St. Francis student to return here to teach.

RICHARD RENAUD

The Perfect Senior

Joel Bouchard's all-round personality
Clement Auger's Einsteinian mind
Lucien Baron's artistic talent
Paul Randall's bombastic oratory
Peter Barry's intelligence and forensic ability
Jim Alwin's southern patriotism

JIM ALWIN

Third Order

The main purpose of the Third Order here at St. Francis is to recreate the spirit of St. Francis among the students as much as possible. By so doing it will help each tertiary to help himself by helping others. A good tertiary, to help others and himself, should give good example in the chapel, the study hall, the refectory, the dormitory and during recreation. Briefly he should give good example no matter where he is.

This good example campaign has produced many good results since the founding of the fraternity in 1940. Every year a greater number of pious and zealous students enter the Order. This enables the group to exercise a greater influence upon the other students, makes it easier to organize different activities such as Mission Days and also Days of Prayer.

The day will probably come when all the students at St. Francis will have the Franciscain spirit; influenced by the good examples of the Tertiaries.

ARTHUR T. ANSTISS (T.O.)

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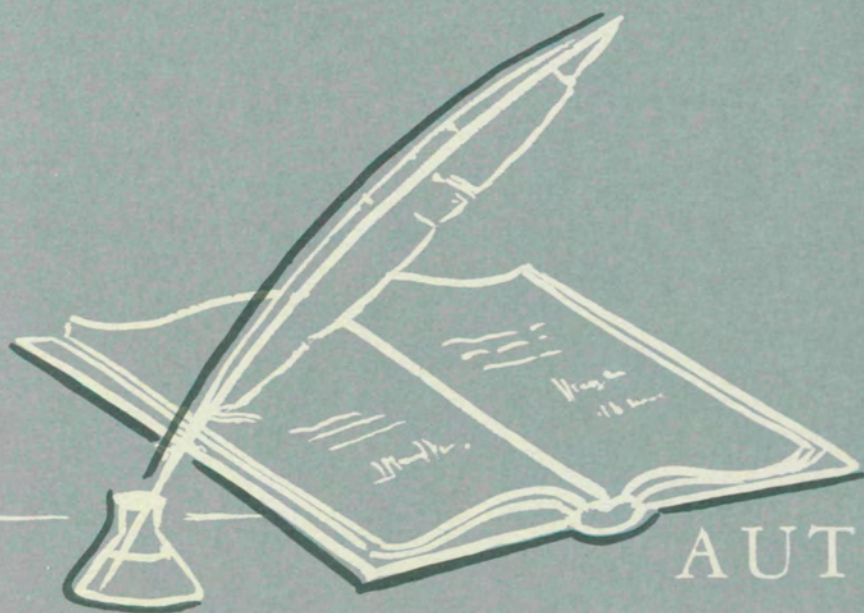
The officers elected by the committee were: President- Peter Barry; Vice President- Albert Fortier; Secretary- Paul Proulx; Faculty Advisor- Rev. Fr. Luke Chabot.

Other members include: Roland Ouellette, Henry Marcil, Arthur Barry, Jerry Nantel, A. Jacques, Raymond Simoneau, R. Parenteau.

PETER BARRY



HOLMES
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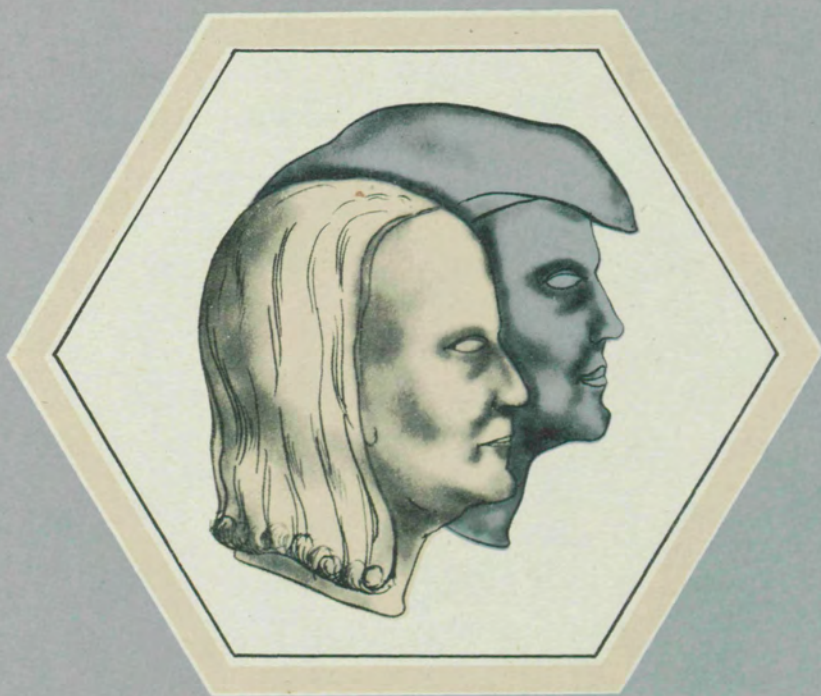
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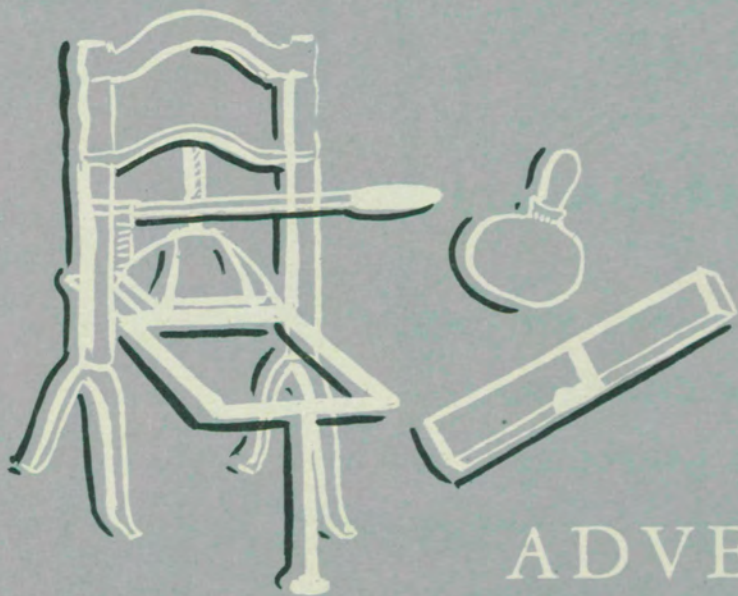
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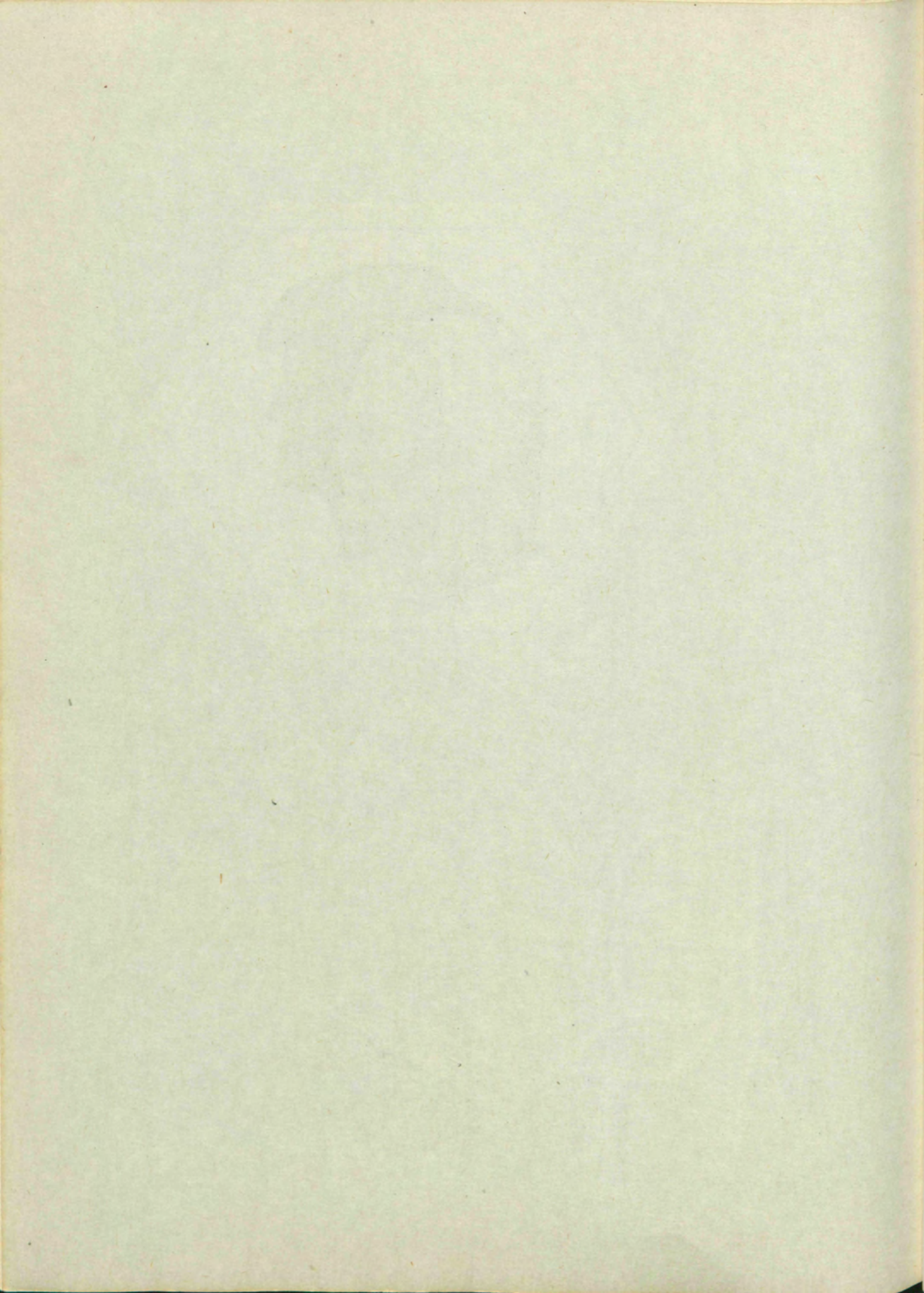




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